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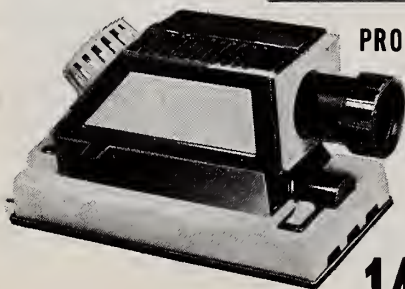
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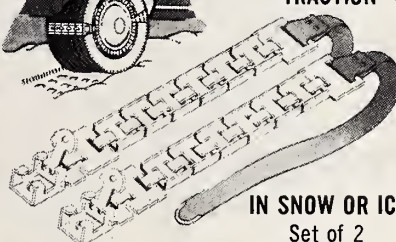
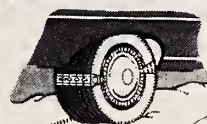


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About our authors . . .

Marjorie Holmes, author of "And Lo, The Star," has written 21 books, including the best-selling *Lord, Let Me Love* and the novel *Two From Galilee*. Her latest book, *God And Vitamins*, was published this summer by Doubleday.

"Energy From Heaven And Earth," by Dr. Edward Teller is a partial summary of material from his recent book of the same name. Dr. Teller, best known for his accomplishments in physics, has devoted much of his attention in the past decade to iden-

tifying the means by which the energy crisis can be resolved. Currently Senior Research Fellow at Hoover Institution, Dr. Teller is also Professor of Physics, Emeritus, at the University of California.

A frequent contributor to this magazine, Gary Turbak wrote "Telephones Do It All." He is a freelance writer and photographer who has been published in more than two dozen national publications.

Edwin P. Hoyt wrote "Downfall Of The I-Boats." The author of more than 100 books and as many magazine articles, Hoyt is a veteran

of World War II who makes his home in Hawaii.

"Morality Is Not A Fad" was written by one of America's favorite band leaders, Lawrence Welk. Also an author of note, Welk has written six books, all of which have been best sellers. Even at age 77, he has no plans to retire. He says: "I'm having too much fun doing work I love."

"Happy New Year" was written by Lucille J. Goodyear, a frequent contributor to the Magazine.

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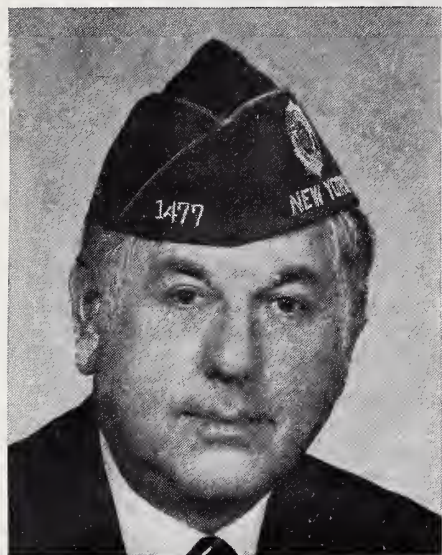
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Commander's Message

An Exciting Time For Legionnaires



Michael J. Kogutek

When I joined The American Legion following WWII it was an exciting time to be a Legionnaire. A new generation of veterans—with new ideas, boundless energy and fervent beliefs in the future of America—sent an adrenalin-like jolt through the organization.

Today, as I watch the Vietnam era veteran take his rightful place in the leadership of The American Legion, my excitement continues unabated. A very special group of veterans has joined our ranks: veterans who accepted the responsibility of their citizenship and served in the armed forces even as many of their contemporaries actively—and stridently—denied that responsibility.

But their return was greeted—at best—with an embarrassed silence and a closed door instead of with the sincere gratitude of a grateful nation ringing in their ears.

Throughout it all, the Vietnam veteran did not lose faith in his country even though forced to fight a “no-win” war. He did not lose faith in his fellow Americans even though forced to suffer scorn and abuse. He did not lose faith in our government even though forced to watch as veterans benefits programs were gutted in the halls of Congress.

The Vietnam veteran, in short, has

taken the test of patriots and passed with flying colors.

That's why I am excited to see so many of them turning to The American Legion as the vehicle by which they can continue to fight for what's right about America. I celebrate the zest and exuberance they bring to their local Posts, the heartfelt commitment they have made to protecting the rights of veterans, and the dedication they demonstrate.

At the same time, I share with my fellow Legionnaires a commitment to seeing that the future of the Legion is placed in only the most competent and dedicated hands.

Today, one in four Department Commanders is a Vietnam veteran. Many Post and District officers are Vietnam veterans, while more than 46 percent of the National Headquarters staff share that distinction.

Many of those veterans have joined The American Legion because of our 61-year record of service to veterans, their widows and orphans. They see that we comprise four generations of veterans, each with its own special needs.

During the height of the Vietnam War, when enormous numbers of Vietnam era veterans were being discharged monthly, more than 2,800 Legion Posts were linked with local institutions of higher learning to welcome Vietnam veterans back to their communities. These veterans were comprised of their GI Bill benefits and provided immediate access for enrollment in colleges.

The “Jobs for Veterans” program of The American Legion acquainted the Vietnam veteran with employers in his community. Started in 1968, it continues to be a successful program today, with over 57,000 veterans helped last year.

We've been a friend to the Vietnam veteran when many of them wondered if they had any friends at all following their service in Vietnam.

We not only initiated what was known as the “cold war GI Bill” but have been in the forefront in the fight to insert cost-of-living increases in that bill. The most recent increase

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45-54	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
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*No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

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Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____

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Letters

The Farm

• I enjoyed reading the article "Back To The Farm: An Impossible Dream?" (October). All city dwellers should, if possible, try to acquire a few acres in the country not too distant from where they live. In this vein, I would like to explain our "Texas GI Bill," which has no relation to the Veterans GI Bill. A person with an honorable discharge is eligible to purchase from the State of Texas up to \$20,000 worth of land if the criteria of eligibility are met. The State purchases the land, then sells it to the veteran on a 40-year contract at 7 percent interest. The applicant must have been a Texas resident at least five years immediately prior to the filing of the application to purchase. Complete information can be obtained from Veterans Land Board, Austin, TX 78701.

LEO FREEDMAN
Pasadena, TX

Space

• Isaac Asimov's "Life On A Space Settlement" (September) is a masterpiece in unreality. If such an undertaking were feasible, it would cost untold billions simply to satisfy the curiosity of scientists. As for getting minerals from the moon for future generations, our lawmakers should allow private companies to explore for oil and minerals on government-owned land in Alaska at no cost to the taxpayer.

J. O. CROTEAU
Portland, OR

Patriotism

• We have read in class your excellent article "Teaching Patriotism: Not Nostalgia, But Necessity" (September.) At Sparland we recite the Pledge of Allegiance and salute the Flag each morning. We feel that the problem presented in the article is caused by a need for more patriotism in America.

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Baseball

• I enjoyed immensely Gary Turbak's "An Event With Roots" (September), on the evolution of the World Series. I would like to point out, however, two factual errors: Phillippe, Pittsburgh's pitching ace

in 1903, was known as "Deacon" rather than "Dean." Honus Wagner, the Flying Dutchman, was the game's greatest shortstop, not a second baseman.

NORMAN L. BARNETT
Brooklyn, NY

• I read with great personal interest Gary Turbak's "An Event With Roots" as I was a spectator at the 1932 Chicago World Series game when Babe Ruth belted the memorable hit over the wall of right center field for a home run against the Cubs. May I suggest more such sports articles? Thank you for this nostalgic reminiscence.

PAUL L. WEBER
Arlington Heights, IL

Spare Time

• The "business-for-yourself" concept described in Phyllis Zauner's "Is Your Spare Time For Sale?" (September) holds great interest for me. Could you please furnish the address of the group mentioned in the article that offers advice in this field?

M. G. BEAN
Starkville, MS

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Human Spirit

• I wish to compliment the editors of The American Legion Magazine for their prescience in publishing the excellent article "The Human Spirit: Mightiest of Fortresses" (July). Immediately following, in August, the workers of Poland confirmed that indeed the human spirit is the mightiest of fortresses. Congratulations!

ARISTIDES LAZARUS
Bronxville, NY

Missing Men

• I wish it were possible for every citizen in our country to read "Let's Find Our Missing Men" (August), then, perhaps, pressure could be brought on Congress to take positive action in behalf of the POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. We cannot have a clear national conscience until this sad chapter is closed in a humane and conclusive manner.

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Big Issues

Conversion of Rental Apartments to Condominiums:

Do We Need A Three-Year Moratorium?



Rep. William H. Gray, III
(D-PA)

Yes. Whoever coined the phrase "condomania" was right on target! How better can we describe the wave of condominium conversions that's sweeping the housing market today?

In 1977, some 50,000 apartment units were converted to condominiums in the United States, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

By 1978, this figure had doubled.

By 1985, if the trend continues, we will see another 1.1 million units removed from the rental market and converted to condominium ownership.

The condominium phenomenon is spreading from major cities to many smaller metropolitan areas.

The movement toward condo conversions is a major factor in the nationwide decline of rental housing for low- and moderate-income families. A recent report by the General Accounting Office said this shortage of rental housing has reached a "crisis stage," and that the annual loss of rental units through condo conversion will soon outstrip the number of apartment units built through private construction.

But the true cost of "condomania" must be measured in human terms. Surveys by HUD and various local agencies show that an average of 76 to 88 percent of a building's tenants are displaced when their building is targeted as a condominium.

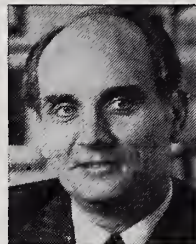
Tenants most likely to be displaced are the elderly on fixed incomes, young persons in entry level jobs, and middle- and low-income families. In most cases they can't afford any type of home ownership.

The cost to taxpayers is staggering. Condo conversions mean more pressure on the housing market and, therefore, higher prices. They also mean more demand for rental units and, therefore, a greater demand for government-subsidized housing.

Given that our national housing policy sets a goal of achieving a decent home for every American family, and given that we already spend billions of dollars a year to provide subsidized rental housing for the elderly and the poor who are being squeezed into a tighter rental market by condominium conversions, it makes no sense for the federal government to stand by idly while "condomania" runs unchecked.

Congress is now studying HR 5175 which would impose a moratorium on condominium conversions, require developers to provide aid to displaced tenants, reduce tax profit from conversions and deny federal grants to cities that don't restrict conversions or guarantee housing for affected tenants.

As taxpayers, all of us have a stake in preserving the rental industry. HR 5175 is a reasonable first step. It would allow time to assess the impact of condominium conversions—the negatives, as well as the positive benefits which condo ownership can mean in what promises to be a continuing tight housing market.



Sen. Jake Garn
(R-UT)

No. Imposing a three-year federal moratorium on condominium conversions would make as much sense as banning skyscraper construction nationwide because someone decides there are too many in New York City.

In the first place, such a moratorium would be of dubious constitutionality. But even if it were legal, the moratorium proposal is based on the false idea that 1)

condominium conversions have reached a "crisis" level because rental housing stocks are dwindling and tenants are being displaced, and 2) state and local officials are nincompoops unable to cope with conversion-related problems without help from Washington.

The real facts are these. According to a recent HUD study, only 1.3 percent of the nation's occupied rental housing stock had been converted by 1979—hardly the crisis portrayed by moratorium proponents. Since many former tenants become homeowners and many condominiums are later rented, the net reduction in the national supply of available rentals was only 18,000. And 90 percent of the former tenants who were displaced through condominium conversions said they were satisfied with their new housing.

The study also documented that conversion activity is extremely localized and does not warrant federal interference. Seventy-six percent of all conversions have occurred in the nation's largest metropolitan areas, with 59 percent occurring in just 12 of these locales.

Certainly, there are problems with condominium conversions. Although condominiums can have a beneficial and stabilizing effect on neighborhoods by renovating buildings and introducing new homeowners, mass conversions in an area with an already tight rental housing market may create serious problems for low- and moderate-income persons.

However, states and local governments should—and have—responded to such situations with remedies that reflect local experiences, conditions and needs. Problems associated with condominium conversion vary sharply from place to place, making a federal "solution" unworkable and inadvisable. What's appropriate for New York may be unsuitable for Cleveland.

The HUD study noted that nearly one-half the states have legislated protections for tenants of converted buildings as well as for purchasers. These states often include the metropolitan areas experiencing a high level of conversion activity. An estimated 200 state and local political jurisdictions have enacted laws specifically relating to conversion, and many more local governments are considering such legislation.

The basic issue is whether the federal government should bully its way into another area which should be the concern of states and local governments. The people have had enough of that mentality which might one day lead to a ban on skyscrapers.

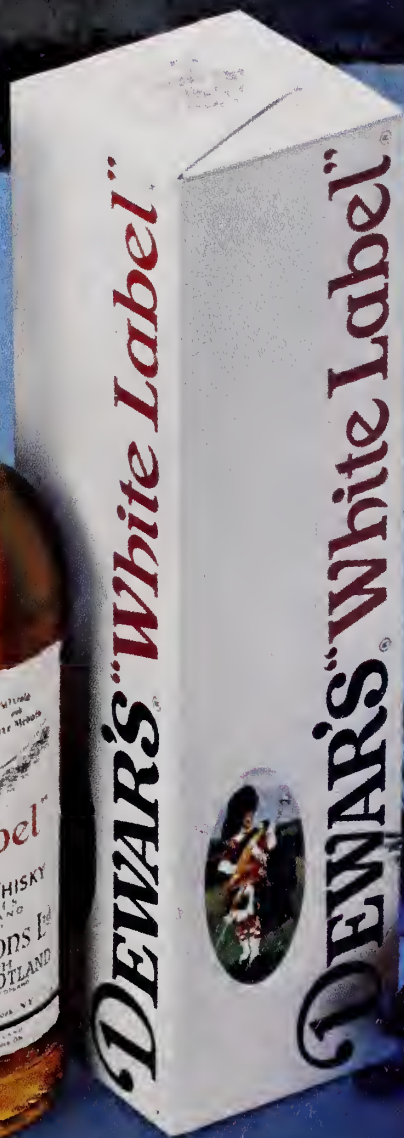


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And Lo, The STAR

Throughout our lives, stars play a significant role. They come in all sizes and colors, and they mean everything from "well done," to "perfect attendance," to "a savior is born."

By Marjorie Holmes

And lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them until it came and stood over where the young child was.

(Matthew 2:9)

Our destiny, they say, is written in the stars.

And looking back, I seem to see my childhood and early years through a sparkling array of stars, both real and symbolic.

"Star light, star bright, first star I've seen tonight," we'd chant at dusk and make our magic wishes. As more stars came peeping out as if to watch us, we'd play our wild chasing games of *Hide and Seek* or *Run, Sheep, Run!* beneath their fairy light. For in Storm Lake, IA, where I was raised, the skies are a vast open meadow. On summer nights the stars bloom in fiery profusion, like flowers or silver cockleburs. Sometimes they seem so close you could almost reach up and pluck one. In winter the bare trees wear them like jewels in their fingers.

My family were all stargazers. Like King David, we often stretched out on the sweet smelling grass to watch the stars. Or we would walk the weedy path to the old wooden dock on the lake; this was even better, because the water multiplied their brilliance and, when the wind stirred, combed them through its dark hair.

Oh, the cool, damp, fishy smell of that slightly swaying dock as we cuddled down under the blanket Dad

had brought. It was wrapped around Mother, but we crept inside, nuzzling like ponies vying to be close, while our parents pointed out planets and told us stories of the stars.

Venus, Mars. The Milky Way splashing its foamy brilliance. "That's because the Big Dipper spilled the milk," Dad said, "and the Great Bear—See him up there?—is trying to lap it up."

"I see the great bear and the middle-sized bear and the baby bear and Goldilocks!" a sister claimed. "Is The Three Bears a constellation?"

"It can be yours," Mother said, in spite of our laughter. "That's how the constellations got their names in the first place. People found pictures in the stars and made up stories to fit. You can see anything you want to in the stars."

See anything you want to. Or *be* whatever you want to be, if you just look to the stars. For there is in each of us a childlike hunger for recognition, achievement, rewards. And the best symbol the world has been able to come up with is a star.

At Sunday school we sang, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" And at public school we worked eagerly for those little gold stars teachers might put on our papers. (Even today, big, tough college football teams like Notre Dame and U.S.C. wear stars on their helmets for outstanding plays.)

At school, too, we saluted the Flag every morning—The Stars and Stripes. And we were taught its origin: how in 1777 the men who designed the flag carried its pattern to a Philadelphia seamstress, Betsy Ross. We often dramatized the story. Betsy (objecting): "But, Sir, these stars have six points. Would it not be more accurate and pleasing if there were five?" Legend or fact, we believed this, and tried to imagine that first flag with its circle of 13 stars. But all on a field of blue. Like that dark blue sky on a night when the stars were bright but few, leaving room for more. Our flag was like that; new stars could be added as our country grew.

Those were the days of patriotism and pride. Every child had his own little cloth flag on a stick to carry and wave. And no concert, speech or public gathering ever began without pledging allegiance; or closed without

"Stars shine through the whole beautiful story of Christmas Eve."

the whole crowd standing and singing, really singing, our national anthem. I'll never forget how we sang it each year on the last night of the county fair . . . the smell of damp trampled grass and fireworks . . . people's upturned faces, lit by the rainbow of colored flowers bursting and raining overhead . . . the smoky booming, rattling and whistling of the sham battle. Then, far across the field a figure ran with a torch—and suddenly a huge red, white and blue flag blazed into view.

Oh, but it was a flag to look up to in those days—that flag with its stars. To look up—toward the stars. The very lexicon of our elders, urging us to better ourselves, was replete with stars. "Hitch your wagon to a star," advised parents and teachers. "If you would hit the trees, shoot for the stars."

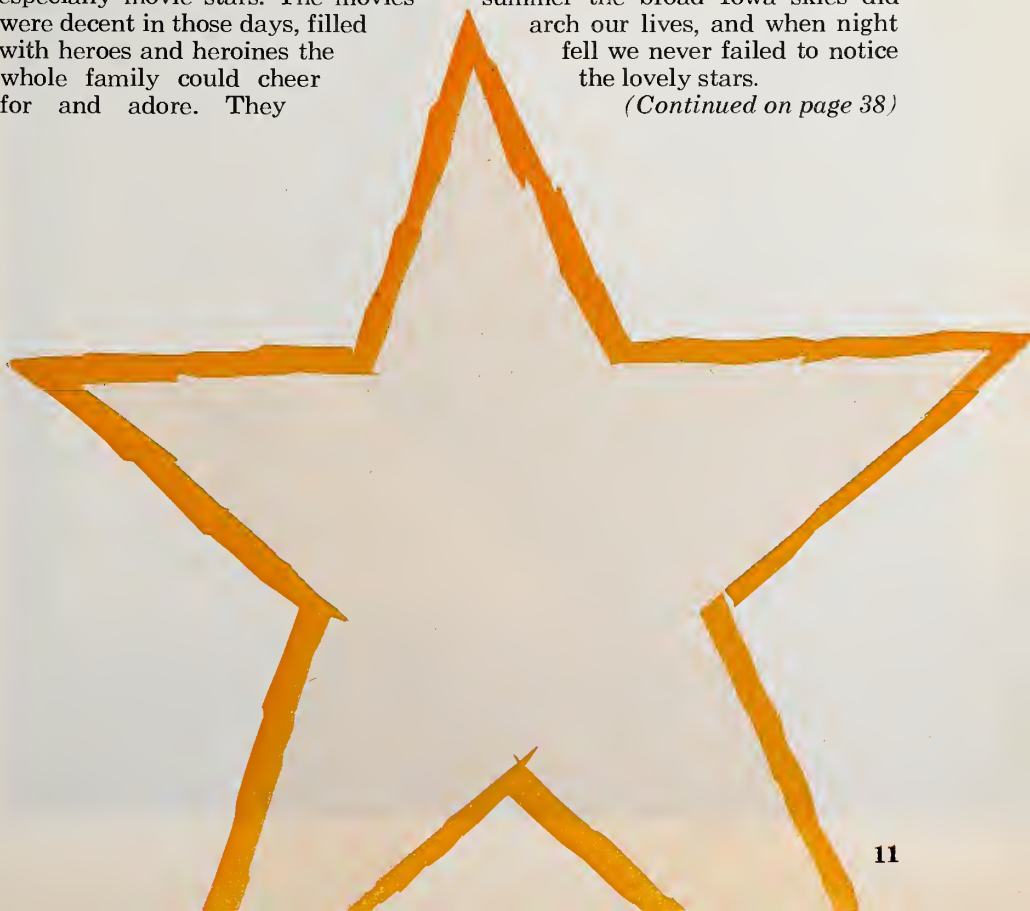
There were also wonderful people to look up to. Dazzling living stars—especially movie stars. The movies were decent in those days, filled with heroes and heroines the whole family could cheer for and adore. They

didn't use foul language or take off their clothes. Crime didn't pay. The good guys won the battle and rode off into the sunset with the (nice) girl. We cut the pictures of these gods and goddesses from movie magazines, and pinned them on bedroom walls to be worshipped.

There were also stars like Gertrude Ederle, who swam the English Channel. And most thrilling of all, Charles Lindbergh. Lindy, the Lone Eagle, who actually soared up from the earth to fly across the ocean among the stars . . . and there were lesser stars. People from your own orbit, yet awe-inspiring. People you desperately wanted to please, to emulate: wise, witty, old Dr. O'Donoghue, who came cheerfully with his little black bag, day or night, even in blizzards. Coach Forrest Gaffin, who brought glory not only to the football team, but put a dream of glory in everybody's heart. English teacher Dewey Deal, so gracious, so poised reading Shakespeare and Shelley in her rich deep voice, and cupping the chin of a scared little girl in pigtails, saying, "You can write—you must."

No, the stars weren't all overhead. They walked among us, or were idolized from afar. Yet, winter and summer the broad Iowa skies did arch our lives, and when night fell we never failed to notice the lovely stars.

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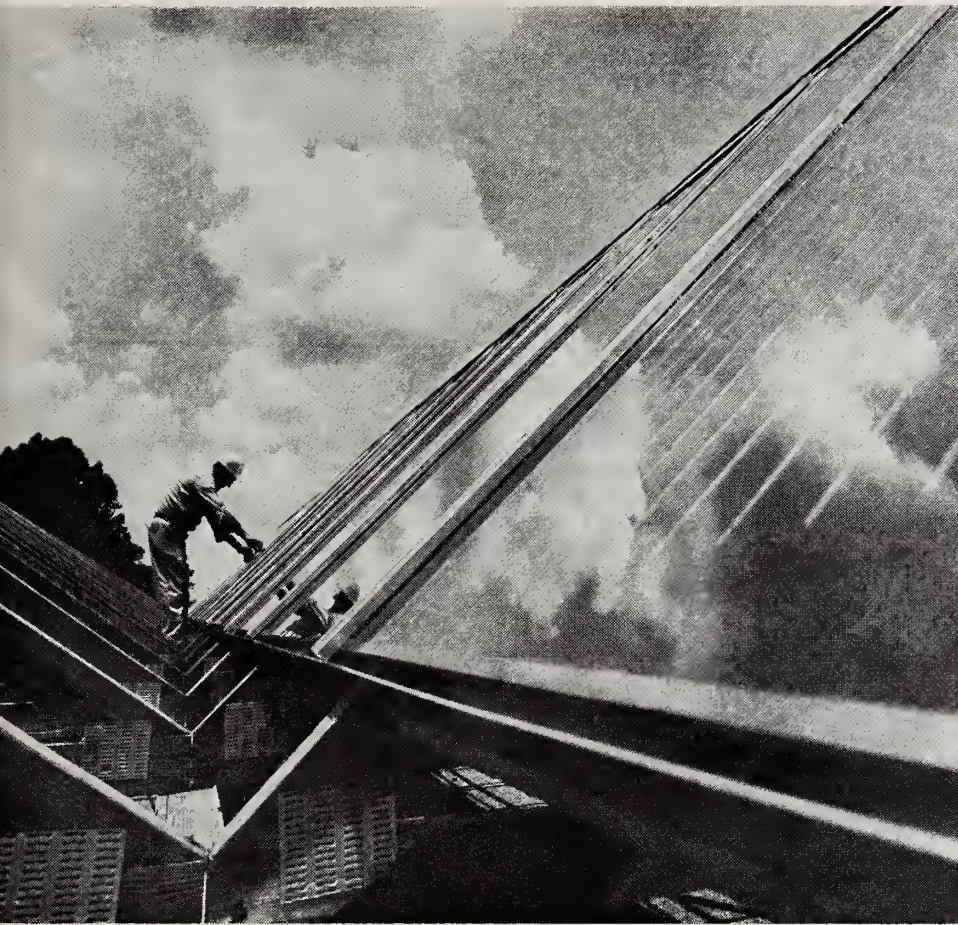
Energy From Heaven And Earth

**New energy sources
will be found,
but where?**

By Dr. Edward Teller

Some of the oldest sources of energy are those that people now consider to be truly new solutions to our energy needs. Since the first clever biped discovered fire and a second discovered sails for boats, mankind has been using biomass and wind power. Ancient Persians used the waterwheel; ancient Greeks used windmills. Ancient people living in volcanic areas probably performed the same trick currently used in Iceland: they buried their food and cooked it using geothermal energy. Solar energy, of course, has been an obvious, simple blessing to man since his appearance on Earth.

But, can we actually revive these old sources and put them to practical use? New technology could indeed make much better use of ancient energy forms. What follows is a summarization of some of the attempts being made to convert the simple and crude utilizations of past millennia into something sophisti-



Energy in the future will come from such diverse sources as the euphorbia lathyris (above), a pod which can be processed into petroleum; solar collector panels (left); and wind turbines (opposite page).

cated and effective in the present.

Solar Energy

The simplest modern method to capture solar energy is to impede the escape of heat radiation. Glass provides an effective one-way street. It allows light to enter, but inhibits the escape of heat radiation (which is similar to light but has longer wavelengths and is invisible). Greenhouses have long made use of this principle. This collecting method works effectively on cloudy as well as sunny days. One standard application of this method, particularly popular in Israel and Cyprus, is to heat water for residential use. Flat plate collectors for heating water were also popular in Florida in the late '40s, but their use declined in the '50s because of competition from cheap natural gas. In some parts of the country, solar collectors for hot water could now be installed for permanent use in individual homes.

However, simple flat plate collectors still cost too much for truly

widespread use; glass is expensive. A possible synthetic substitute may be developed, but currently the ultraviolet radiation of sunlight damages the transparency of these substitutes too rapidly to make them a practical alternative. The discovery of cheaply

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manufactured sheets that do not deteriorate in this way would greatly assist in the better utilization of this technique.

The gentle heating process could also produce steam for industrial purposes. A well-constructed greenhouse collector can bring water almost to the boiling point. A small reduction in pressure will then create boiling. The steam would not be hot enough, but compression of steam

(which would require about 10 percent more energy) would result in adequate heating. This would allow an industry to produce steam using far less fossil fuel than the conventional method.

Higher temperatures in solar collectors can be achieved by further reducing heat loss due to conduction or by collecting more radiant energy by using mirrors to focus sunlight. Unfortunately, these more desirable greenhouse collectors have not yet been developed at a price cheap enough to make them practical. They could be used to produce both heating and air conditioning for individual houses or, in larger scale projects, to produce electricity. The cost of this variety of solar electricity is close to five times that of providing electricity by other means, but even this is not as expensive as some other forms of solar electricity.

Sophisticated Solar Projects

Photoelectric cells were one of the
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By Gary Turbak

Sex, suggested one cynic, may soon be the only activity not possible via telephone. While this may be an exaggeration, the telephone long ago surpassed its inventor's wildest expectations.

We can dial with equal ease a prayer, a story, a joke or a relative halfway around the world. We can shop by phone, pay bills by phone, fall in love by phone and even get married by phone.

Americans make 600 million calls a day with their 115 million telephones. Nine out of 10 homes have at least one phone. And it all began on a warm June evening in 1875, with two young men tinkering in a shop on Boston's Court Street.

Alexander Bell, 28, and Thomas Watson, 20, were attempting to send musical tones over 60 feet of wire when a reed on Watson's transmitter stuck. As he plucked it loose, a faint rush of sound sped the 20 yards to Bell's surprised ears. "The speaking

when he was astonished to hear Bell's anxious voice distinctly say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you!" The ebullient Watson rushed to the shop and found the inventor had spilled acid on his clothes. Perhaps mattered not, for the telephone had electrically transmitted the human voice for the first time.

For some, the revolutionary concept was difficult to accept. In 1877, the *New York Times* marveled that two Japanese gentlemen were able to understand each other over the phone. And the *Providence Press* admitted, "It is indeed difficult, hearing sounds come out of the mysterious box, to wholly resist the notion that the powers of darkness are somehow in league with it." Even the Western Union Telegraph Company laughed at Bell, calling the telephone an "electrical toy" and scoffing at Bell's asking price of \$100,000 for all rights to the invention.

As the telephone moved through uncharted territory, experiment and improvement became daily occur-

Telephones Do It All...

Far from being a mere improvement in telegraphy, telephones are showing their versatility

telephone," wrote Watson, "was born at that moment."

Following that first primitive transmission, Bell and his sidekick worked feverishly for 10 months to coax their invention into carrying the human voice. On March 7, 1876, Bell knew he was close to success and applied for a patent on what he could only describe as an "improvement in telegraphy."

Then, three days later, Bell and Watson were experimenting with sulfuric acid as part of the transmitter. Watson had just taken his place at the receiver several rooms distant

rences. In a search for a good underground insulator, wires were bathed in asphalt, surrounded with cotton, imbedded in paraffin, laid in wooden boxes filled with sand and placed in oil-filled pipes. In one experiment, telephone technicians hitched a plow to a locomotive and dug a furrow five miles long, into which they laid an assortment of insulated lines.

Overhead, phone wires arched across city skies and in some cases threatened to block out the sun. One hydra-like telephone pole in New York grew to a height of 90 feet and

carried 300 wires on its 30 cross arms. In some communities, the poles were taxed in an effort to force the lines underground.

After a few unfortunate incidents, lightning arrestors were routinely installed to prevent phone users from being electrocuted in the middle of a stormy conversation. Watson invented the familiar hand crank ringer to replace the tapping signal that had been in use. Moreover, engineers began reducing from a high of six the number of workers needed to complete each call.

No one, though, could save the foolish phone patron from himself. One user took his phone apart, accidentally spilled the granulated carbon inside and chose to substitute gunpowder for the carbon. The next call he made set his phone—and his beard—afire.

The phone booth became the newest structure to edify Eastern architects. Needed more to shield bystanders from the shouting than to ensure a user's privacy, booths

were constructed of oak or cherry, stood four or five feet square and sported a domed roof and ornate carvings. New York's Room Nine Phone Salon, which called for customers in taxis and catered to them in opulent surroundings, symbolized the luxury of phone communication. An attendant collected money and assisted with the call. By 1880, the cost of a call had dropped to 10 cents.

Women, it seems, wasted no time in making the telephone theirs. A 1909 issue of the *Lippincott Monthly* discouragingly reported: "Telephoning for the exchange of twaddle between foolish women has become an unmitigated curse." And the *Boston Times* cut to the heart of the matter: "A fellow can now court his girl in China as well as in Boston; but the most serious aspect of this invention is the awful and irresponsible power it will give to the average mother-in-law, who will be able to send her voice around the habitable globe."

The fair sex, though, was fast be-

coming extremely important to the telephone industry. An operator was needed to handle each call and it had, at first, seemed logical to employ the only communication specialists around—the boys who carried telegraph messages. The youthful male temperament, however, did not adapt well to the frantic immediacy of the phone exchange. During slack time the youngsters took to wrestling on office floors, and in hectic moments they vented frustration by swearing at their customers.

Finally, the calm and patient gentle sex replaced the rowdies, and the bustling operator became the preeminent symbol of the telephone system. In cities, rows of efficient operators were watched over by supervisors

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Modern phones like this one can perform functions never dreamed of by its inventor, while the 1878 model (opposite page) merely combined receiver and transmitter for the first time.



Morality Is Not A Fad

The noted band leader discusses a special way of life



By Lawrence Welk

When I was first asked to write about moral values, my mind flashed back almost instantly to my family, and the little farmhouse near Strasburg, ND, where I grew up. There was never any question about moral values in our family. My brothers and sisters and I were taught, practically from the cradle, what was right. And also—what was wrong.

In this, my parents, and the good Father Max and nuns of our church, were our teachers. My mother and father didn't just believe in God's Laws—they lived them—and all of us grew up believing quite naturally in our God and our country; in doing the best job possible no matter what the task; and in being honest and truthful at all times. All those values, I must confess, are with me to this day.

I was really a very lucky child because we had love in our home. My parents not only loved us, they loved each other. I can still see them strolling together, hand in hand, in the dusk of a Dakota summer evening, walking around our wheat fields. If the wheat was growing tall and strong, we children heard about it the next morning. If things weren't going quite so well, we heard about that too!

We worked as a team in my family. Father and the boys in the fields; mother and the girls in our home. The work was hard, but we were highly motivated by a common need to help each other achieve a mutual goal. We worked together and we shared together—and those two concepts have been with me all my life. In fact, they form the cornerstone of the system we use in our Musical Family today.

The values and attitudes you learn as a child have a profound effect on your life—sometimes in a totally unexpected way. For example, I would say that our most loyal audience has always been the American mother, and that may have come about because of the great love and respect I

had for my own mother. To me, she was the loveliest of ladies—so kind, so gentle, so loving. Because of her, I grew up having the greatest respect for all mothers, and perhaps my strong feeling shows through on our program.

I do know that Mother was a living example of the power of selfless love. I think all of us tried to please her simply because we loved her so much. I can never remember her scolding us. Instead, her chin might quiver a little, or her blue eyes look as if they might fill with tears, and that was the worst “scolding” of all.

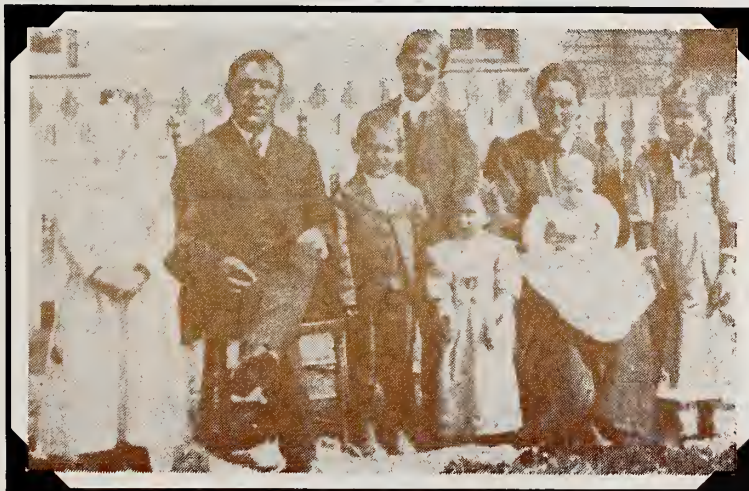
My father was not quite so gentle and was known to raise his voice on occasion if the situation so warranted. But he was always scrupulously fair. A powerful man with outsized muscles, he was a skilled blacksmith who was in great demand to repair the neighbors’ machinery as well as our own, and I inherited the job of pumping the bellows on his blacksmith forge. Well, I don’t know if Father had ever heard the old adage: “Everybody’s good for something, but nobody’s good for everything,” but the chances are he was soon wondering what on earth I was good for! I never did learn to work the bellows properly and after a few frustrating days, he very wisely gave up and assigned me other chores. (That’s a lesson I’ve never forgotten, either. In dealing with hundreds of musicians and performers over the years, I try always to find what it is they do best, and then help them develop that particular talent.)

Each of us children was slightly different from the other, of course, but my brother Louie and I were as different as night and day. He was a powerhouse, much like my father; I was a scrawny, sickly youngster, always ailing with something. He was interested in athletics and wrestling; I dreamed only of music. He would walk down the main street of Strasburg, step off the wooden sidewalk,

flex his muscles, and lift a whole car by the front bumper. I, on the other hand, had trouble building up enough muscles to squeeze the accordion. Yet, even though Louie and I were miles apart in almost every way, it didn’t keep us from getting along, and I’ve often thought that one of the reasons I understand and appreciate the differences among human beings today is because I learned how to do so long ago.

But perhaps the finest gift I was given as a child was the good fortune of growing up among people who were loving, and trustworthy—and so I learned to love and trust, too. That concept—“love and trust”—has been carried over intact to our

“... ‘work’ itself can almost be considered a moral value.”



One-year-old Lawrence sits on his mother's lap for a family portrait taken at the Welk home in North Dakota.

Musical Family, where we work together without contracts of any kind. We don’t need contracts. We have something much better: mutual esteem and trust.

I learned most of the basic moral values in my life almost without being aware of them, simply as a way of life. I’ve always believed that “work” is not only one of the most effective ways to reach goals, it’s also a tremendous help in refining and strengthening character. In that re-

spect, “work” itself can almost be considered a moral value. But it can do even more as I found out just recently when I competed in the Los Angeles Pro-Am Golf Tournament. A week before the event, the rains came—and how! Perhaps you read about our floods in Los Angeles. It poured and poured for seven days and nights and I wasn’t sure the tournament could be held at all. Nevertheless, early in the morning on opening day, I drove to the club, which is just about three minutes from my home, and there, standing out in front was the president, Charles Hathaway, smiling. When he saw me, he called, “Hi! You’re just in time! The rain is stopping and your team is waiting for you on the 10th tee!”

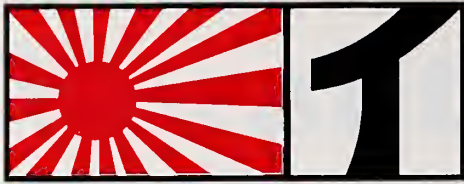
I grabbed my clubs and ran. Sure enough, the rain stopped, but the greens were still so soggy we weren’t permitted to take golf carts on the course—we walked the 18 holes. Now that may not seem like much to you youngsters, but to someone my age, 77, a golf cart feels very good indeed!

And I was delighted to discover after the game that I wasn’t the least bit tired. I felt just wonderful, and suddenly realized that the work I had done as a young man had really been a privilege. I don’t think I appreciated it at the time. Walking for miles and miles behind a plow was not exactly my idea of how to spend a day. But it was the hard, sustained work which helped me develop the stamina I needed to walk 18 holes of golf and go

dancing the same night—and it’s a tossup as to which I enjoy the most.

I’ve mentioned these childhood incidents to underscore my belief that it is the moral values we learn as a child which have the most powerful effect on our lives. If we can learn to accept these moral truths... (I call them “God’s Laws”)... and live by them while still in our youthful years, then our journey through life is made much easier. I know I

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Downfall Of The I-Boats

The Emperor's subs were used in the wrong place,
at the wrong time and for the wrong reason

By Edwin P. Hoyt

On the night of December 6, 1941, a dozen Japanese submarines lay in two long arcs southeast and southwest of Pearl Harbor. Five other submarines moved silently toward the harbor entrance, each of them carrying a midget two-man submarine that would be used in the actual attack. All the large subs were of a class called the I-Boat, superior in range and firepower to the best American submarines of the Pacific Fleet.

The mission of the dozen submarines in deep water was to watch for units of the American fleet—particularly the U.S. carriers—and torpedo them. Fourteen other Japanese submarines ranged north of Oahu island and were given the same mission, plus the extra tasks of reporting on weather for the combined fleet and serving as "lifeguards" to pick up any pilots shot down at sea after the December 7th attack. Still other submarines were moving along the west coast of the United States.

At six o'clock the next morning, the two-man crews of the midget submarines entered their small craft, and were soon released by the I-Boats within striking distance of the entrance to Pearl Harbor. They began to move forward, but almost immediately there was trouble: the American destroyer *Ward*, patrolling the area just off the Pearl Harbor entrance buoys, detected the sound of the small electric motors and launched a depth charge attack. A charge struck close enough and one Japanese midget submarine never resurfaced.

This same fate befell the other four midget subs. One of them managed to get inside the harbor, apparently following in the wake of a patrol boat or tender. But once the attack from the air was launched and the harbor was alert, the seaplane tender *Curtiss* opened fire on the

midget and the destroyer *Monaghan* rammed it.

Such misadventure plagued the entire wartime effort of the Japanese submarine force, with a few notable exceptions. In January 1942, an I-Boat torpedoed the carrier *Saratoga* about 500 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor, but she survived to fight again. *I-168* sank the crippled carrier *Yorktown* at Midway. In the Solomons, submarines sank the carrier *Wasp* and damaged the battleship *North Carolina* and the destroyer *O'Brien*. There were other sinkings of American warships up to the very last days of the war including the cruiser *Indianapolis* which went down after being torpedoed by *I-58*. So the Japanese had the weapons: excellent submarines (23 knots on the surface), excellent torpedoes and well-trained crews. Yet with the few notable exceptions indicated above,

"... misadventure plagued the entire wartime effort of the Japanese submarine force."

the Japanese submarine service played a very small role in the Pacific War.

Part of the reason was the strategic concept of the Japanese high command which went back to an early theory of the application of submarines to warfare. In the beginning, submarines were regarded as useful for scouting and for attacks on enemy warships. The Japanese never got beyond that concept. The sort of thinking that led the Japanese high command to spend millions of yen on midget submarines also caused them to ignore the most valuable role of the submarine, that of commerce raider. On Pearl Harbor day, *I-16* was not far from Seattle

and she sank a merchantman. But Commander Minoru Yokota had been sent to the area primarily to check out American strength in the Aleutian Islands area against a surprise counterattack. The sinking of the merchant ship was incidental.

Later, the long-range Japanese I-Boats would be used to shell Santa Barbara, CA. An I-Boat launched a plane from French Frigate shoals that confirmed the extent of the Japanese destruction along Pearl Harbor's battleship row. Two other I-Boats fueled the long-range Japanese bombers that set off from French Frigate shoals in March 1942, to make the "second bombing of Pearl Harbor." But all this was military endeavor against military targets and not the commerce raiding for which the American submarines became so famous. Had the Japanese employed their submarines properly, they might have prevented the rebuilding of Pearl Harbor for months. They might even have cut off Australia.

The Japanese insistence on using submarines as a fleet force was all the more remarkable in view of two Allied developments that greatly decreased their effectiveness. The first of these was radar, which the I-Boat force encountered in June 1942, when the *I-5* was nearly sunk in the Aleutians on a day so foggy that nothing could be seen 20 feet away. *I-5* was on the surface traveling dead slow when suddenly the boat was surrounded by exploding shells. She crashed dived just in time to be saved.

The second development was the radio direction finder. Given three points (one of which might be a vessel at sea) a radio receiver could concentrate on radio beams and operators could triangulate and, thus, pinpoint the location of a submarine at sea. As the war progressed and the Pacific Fleet radio intelligence

organization grew, locating Japanese submarines at sea became a major activity.

The Japanese submarine effort, of course, was hardly helped by the course of the war. After the Americans attacked Guadalcanal in the summer of 1942, the Japanese began winning the naval war of the South Pacific hands down. But, as the Americans brought more warships equipped with radar into the area, the odds began to change. When the U.S. fighter plane force was increased, the Japanese began to sacrifice the air superiority that had made so much difference. Yet this should not have wiped away the effectiveness of the Japanese submarine force and it did not.

On November 13, 1942, as the battle raged, the *I-26* sank the cruiser *Juneau*, which blew up with most of her crew. The real difficulty was the stubborn American refusal to be defeated at Guadalcanal when the Japanese had superiority, and the decision made by the Imperial High Command that submarines would have to be used to supply and ultimately evacuate the troops in the Solomons.

One of the most effective weapons of the Americans was the Naval Combat Intelligence Unit functioning at Pearl Harbor. By the autumn of 1942, the combat intelligence men were reading the Japanese codes. They could tell when forces were building up at Truk or Rabaul to reinforce Guadalcanal. Taking advantage of this information, ships, planes and submarines were warned and attacks were launched. Time after time this technique was successful to the degree that by November 1942, Japan began building enormous transport submarines to work with submarines pulling long tubes filled with extra supplies bound for Guadalcanal.

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With the advent of the Destroyer Escort—small, mobile, deadly—the I-Boats increasingly fell prey to devastating Allied depth charge attacks.

Happy New Year

By Lucille J. Goodyear

New Year's Day . . . Is it the sad morning after the rousing celebration of New Year's Eve? The big day for watching the football games on TV? The time for seriously making those wonderful resolutions that won't be seriously kept?

However you feel about it, it's the oldest holiday, and heavily accented with ancient traditions. Primitive man greeted the new year according to his way of reckoning time. The first day of the year corresponded to the vernal or autumnal equinox, or to the summer or winter solstice. The Egyptians knew by the overflowing of the Nile during the summer that the new year was at hand. Early American Indians got their clue from the ripening of acorns.

We have been celebrating January 1 as New Year's Day since 1582, the year Pope Gregory XIII instituted the Gregorian calendar. But not everybody accepts January 1 as the first day of the year.

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, is the first and second day of Tishri, which falls sometime in September or early October. The Chinese New Year is determined by the waxing and waning of the moon according to the lunar calendar—between January 21st and February 19th. The Moslem New Year falls on the first day of Muharram—the first month of the Moslem calendar.

The ways of celebrating the old year out and the new year in are about as varied as the countries and peoples who follow the tradition.

The Germans and the English used to put on Halloween-type costumes, and make house-to-house calls. The costumed visitors performed stunts, sang songs, danced, and recited bits of humorous poetry at each stop, after which the genial host offered wine and sweets in hospitable appreciation. After only a few such stops, the revelers really got into the swing of things!

In medieval England, wassail was the classic beverage served from a bowl for New Year's celebrations. For nourishment, as well as decoration, slices of toasted bread were part of the offering. Since it was

the custom to drink to the good health of all present, soon these good wishes were referred to as "toasts."

English householders opened all their doors at midnight on New Year's Eve to allow the Old Year with its strifes and sorrows to leave, and the New Year to enter.

It was also customary to have chimneys cleaned on the first day of January, so good faith and fortune could descend upon the household. Chimney sweeps working on this day were always given extra coins for their efforts and, because chimneys were generally lined with slate, a popular saying evolved: "*Wiping the slate clean for the New Year.*"

In rural areas of various countries, it was customary to greet fruit-bearing trees early on New Year's Day by verbally wishing them a "Happy New Year." In some localities, young boys were dispatched to the orchards to sprinkle the trees with wine or cider, to remind the trees of their prime purpose. In vineyards of Spain and France, wine was poured over the grape vines, with a great deal more of it imbibed by vineyard greeters.

In many observances, the old year, which is now cartooned as an old man, was an old woman. Her sex did not save her from being ritually murdered. A tradition widespread in Europe held that the old year had to be forcibly disposed of before the new year could start, and a crude effigy was ceremoniously done away with. Spain and Italy considered the dying year a female and would do away with the effigy in some horrendous manner.

In Siam, guns were fired on the last day of the year to frighten off demons. The Chinese shot off firecrackers for the same reason; even today in Central American countries, particularly Guatemala, fireworks, sky bombs and rockets are a big and noisy part of the New Year's Eve observance.

Obviously, each country has its unique New Year's celebration, but no country ever celebrated as graciously and as grandly as did France. Whereas Christmas Day is for the immediate family, the first day of the year is the time for welcoming one's friends from far and near.

Each caller was greeted with a joyous "*Bonne Année, bonne santé, le paradis à la fin de vos jours*"—Happy New Year, good health, and heaven at the end of your days!" It was also customary that all differences be reconciled before sunset of New Year's Day.

The early settlers of the United States believed the first New Year's Day visitor was a prophetic one. If it were a man, it meant good luck. However, if a woman visited first, bad luck would follow.

If good crops were desired—and they always were—everyone in the household had to do a good deed that day. To run out of salt at the New Year's Day dinner was a sign of a year of poverty to follow. Every homemaker took pains to see that this did not happen.

For over 80 years, New Year's Day in Pasadena, CA, has been marked with the Tournament of Roses parade, complete with dazzling flower-adorned floats, bands and equestrian units. Once a small local village fiesta, today it is a renowned spectacular enjoyed by the entire world via TV.

In Central American countries, the first 12 days of January forecast the weather for each of the coming months of the year. If January 1 is cold and rainy, the rest of January will have much the same kind of weather; a sunny January 2 promises a sunny February, and so on.

Saying good-bye to the old year in America is marked with pealing church bells, and in some areas, gun shots and firecrackers. Times Square on New Year's Eve is a sight and sound show not quickly forgotten. Across the land—sirens, whistles, horns and other noisemakers are put to loud and enthusiastic use—all in keeping with one of the longest continued customs known: that of welcoming in a new year with plenty of noise.

Each has his way of celebrating the passing of the old year and of saying "hello" to the new. It's a unique moment, both thrilling and inspiring, as plans and hopes for the future are renewed. For some, it is a sad moment. The last page of the calendar is gone and we are faced with a brand new set of 365 days and the hope that *it will be a HAPPY NEW YEAR!* ■



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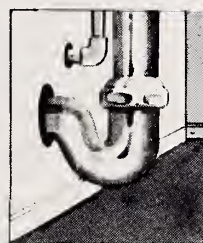
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The majority of American women are "condemned" by both age and sex discrimination to financial hardships in old age, according to a report to Congress.

Retirement Income Subcommittee Chairman John Burton (D-CA) told Congress that women, underpaid on the job and inadequately pensioned at retirement, are reduced to poverty on reaching age 65. At this point in their lives, seven out of 10 U.S. women face a future of substandard living under present laws.

Today, more than half of U.S. women work away from home, with double-barreled discrimination holding down their wages, promotions and retirement income, especially after age 45. The women, in large measure single, widowed or divorced, work to keep the economic wolf from the door, only to find it awaiting them when forced to quit employment.

"New U.S. Policy"—Farming for Fish

Efforts to establish aquaculture—including fish farms and ocean ranches—as a national program have been approved by Congress and the White House.

The legislation directs the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and Interior to develop a plan for propagating and rearing fish, shell fish and other underwater species (including plants) in ponds, pens, hatcheries and laboratories.

Under the government supported program, fish farming in the United States will be encouraged with the aim of increasing our food supplies. Today, the U.S. imports over 50 percent of its seafood and raises only 3 percent by aquaculture, as against 40 percent in other countries.

The secretaries have been ordered by Congress to come up with a positive program within 18 months. Our aquaculture policy also is expected to provide new pharmaceuticals, industrial materials, jobs and improvement in the quality of rural life.

Family Still Holds Out Hand to Elderly

Contrary to the widespread belief that there is "wholesale abandonment" of the elderly by their families, findings of the Human Services Subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Aging do not support that claim.

According to the subcommittee, 80 percent of home care for Americans 55 and over is provided by family members living in the household. "What is remarkable," said the subcommittee in its report to Congress, "is that this has been done without support from—and in some cases, in spite of—the public sector."

To further strengthen the family hand in support of its aged, the subcommittee urged the government, at various levels, to provide tax breaks and other aids to ease stress on families who are taking care of their own. This is especially important since senior citizens are living longer than ever before.

The subcommittee concluded that special consideration should also be given to the role of women—who have traditionally been the primary care providers and have a greater life expectancy than men.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Meshing Big And Small—"Today we are beginning to realize that neither big *nor* small is beautiful, but that appropriate scale, and the intelligent meshing of both big *and* small, is most beautiful of all . . ." **Alvin Toffler**, author.

Need Better Schools—"If the schools—especially the high schools—don't make dramatic reforms in the 1980s, the public school will become more and more rejected . . . We will be losing an essential resource at the very time it is needed most. However, I'm optimistic this apocalypse won't take place . . ." **Ernest L. Boyer**, president, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Responsible Computers?—"I hear that in the future, people will be responsible to computers. I hope that in the future computers will be responsible to people." **Peter Ustinov**, actor.

Hope For Progress Renewed—" . . . If the belief of reindustrialization becomes stronger and stronger, then with that will come a renewed belief in technology, science and knowledge. We'll have the idea of progress back again." **Robert Nisbet**, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute.

U. S. Can't Hesitate—"I believe the U.S. has to remain strong not only politically, militarily and socially, but also economically. A hesitant America will lose the credibility of its allies and foes alike . . ." **Yasuo Takeyama**, managing director, Japan Economic Journal.

Constitution's Structure Faulty?—" . . . We need to do better than we have in 'forming a government' for this country, and this need is becoming more acute. The structure of our Constitution prevents us from doing significantly better. It is time to start thinking and debating about whether and how to correct this structural fault." **Lloyd N. Cutler**, counsel to the President.

Business-Government Bond—" . . . It is self-destructive delusion to think we can't create closer business-government relationships. And it is mere wishful thinking to believe that we can avoid catastrophe without doing so." **Robert E. Kirby**, chairman, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Need More Productivity—"In this country, we want to maintain our standard of living; we want to maintain and improve our hourly pay. To do that, we've got to be far more productive than our counterparts on the other side of the world . . ." **H. Ross Perot**, chairman, Electronic Data Systems.

Doctrine For Doctors—"Should you become the greatest surgeon, the most renowned pathologist, an acclaimed researcher or a Nobel laureate (and some of you will), you have accomplished nothing and done your profession a disservice if at the forefront of all your endeavors the sacred right of treating the patient is not central . . ." **John Bernard Henry**, M.D., dean of Georgetown Univ. School of Medicine.

Leaders Should Catch Up—" . . . Unfortunately, the people are ahead of the leaders . . . I wish our leaders would hurry up and catch up." **Sen. Ernest F. Hollings** (D-SC).

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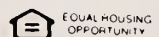
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HOW THE VA BUDGET PIE IS SLICED . . . VA Administrator Max Cleland recently provided details of how his agency spent \$19.9 billion during fiscal year 1979 . . . His report to Congress included the following: more than \$10.5 billion was paid to veterans and their beneficiaries in compensation and pension payments, \$2.7 billion was spent in education benefits for 1.3 million veterans and active duty personnel, VA guaranteed home loans totalled more than \$16 billion, while direct home loans amounted to \$37 million and grants for specially adapted housing totalled \$20 million . . . The report also contained some interesting statistics on the Vietnam veteran. About 71 percent of the GI home loans made during the period went to Vietnam veterans. Participation under the GI Bill Education program totalled more than 7.6 million, 71 percent of whom are Vietnam vets. Participation in the program by Vietnam vets increased to 65 percent of those eligible compared to the 51 percent participation rate among WWII vets. The number of Vietnam era vets continued to increase with 196,000 discharges from the armed services and only 20,000 deaths among that segment of the population. At the end of FY79 there were 8.9 million living veterans of that conflict.

DOD AUTHORIZATION ACT IMPROVES CHAMPUS BENEFITS . . . The 1981 DoD Authorization Act provides for improved CHAMPUS benefits in two areas for eligible dependents of active duty service members. The Act authorizes CHAMPUS to share the cost of "Well Baby Care"—routine physical examinations and immunizations—for children of active duty service members, up to two years of age. Also included in the Act is a provision for increased financial assistance to active duty members for the care of a spouse or child who is seriously physically handicapped or moderately or severely mentally retarded and receiving benefits under the CHAMPUS Program for the Handicapped.

WORRIED ABOUT AGENT ORANGE? . . . Known scientific information and a summary of government efforts to deal with veterans' Agent Orange fears are summarized in a new VA pamphlet, "Worried About Agent Orange?" The pamphlet is part of an information and education program on the subject to update both veterans and VA personnel. A copy of the pamphlet and further information are available from your nearest office of the Veterans Administration.

SAVINGS BOND INTEREST RATES INCREASED . . . The President has approved a 1 percent

increase in the interest paid on United States Savings Bonds and Savings Notes following the signing of legislation permitting the Secretary of the Treasury—with the President's approval—to do so. Previously, the interest rate was fixed by statute . . . The interest rate on Series EE bonds purchased on or after Nov. 1, 1980, is being increased from 7 percent to 8 percent, compounded semiannually, when the bonds are held to original maturity. The term to maturity is being shortened from 11 to 9 years . . . The interest rate on Series HH savings bonds is being increased from 6½ percent to 7½ percent . . . Depending on market conditions, a further rate increase of up to 1 percent may be made as early as May 1, 1981.

INCREASED BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE VETS, FAMILIES . . . Nearly 2.3 million veterans, 240,000 surviving spouses and more than 83,000 children of deceased veterans received larger VA compensation checks in November as a result of legislation signed in October. The law hiked compensation rates by 13 percent for those rated from 10 to 40 percent disabled and more than 14.3 percent for more seriously disabled veterans. Dependency and indemnity compensation rates for surviving spouses and children of vets were also increased by 14.3 percent . . . The legislation made other changes in VA benefits: an increase from \$25,000 to \$27,500 in the amount of a VA home loan guaranty for conventional homes, and from \$17,500 to \$20,000 for mobile home loans; payment of up to \$5,000 for special housing adaptations for vets with service connected blindness in both eyes, or with the loss, or loss of use of both hands; provision of headstones or grave markers for a veteran's spouse or child buried in a state veterans' cemetery; improved pensions for military retirees whose retirement income falls below the poverty level.

POW/MIA COMMITTEE FORMED . . . Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek has appointed a Special POW/MIA Committee for the purpose of giving priority attention to the POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia accounting issue. Those appointed to the committee include Dr. Robert P. Foster, chairman of the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission, and J. Alvis Carver. Both Foster and Carver have asked that any tips or information on POW sightings be forwarded to Frank Manson, counselor and coordinator for the Special POW/MIA Committee, The American Legion, 1608 K St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006.

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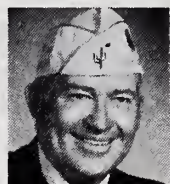
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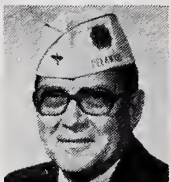
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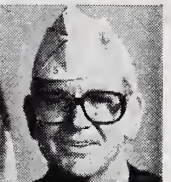
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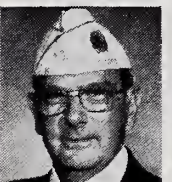
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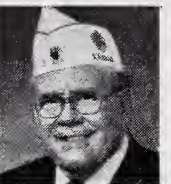
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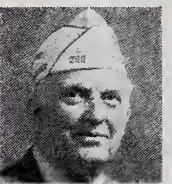
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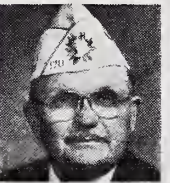
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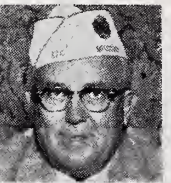
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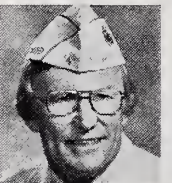
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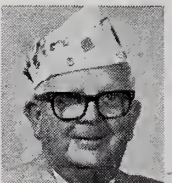
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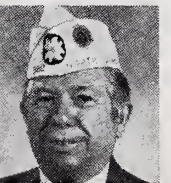
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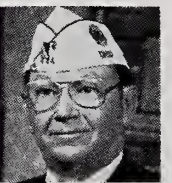
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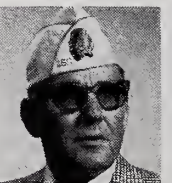
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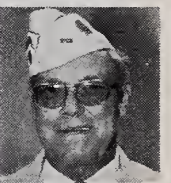
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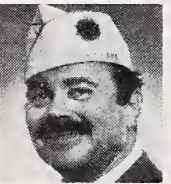
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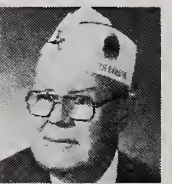
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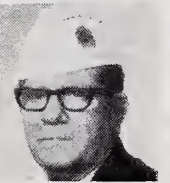
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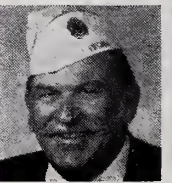
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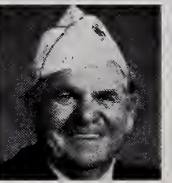
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The Commanders are elected by Department conventions and serve for one year.

The Committeemen are elected in the same manner for a two-year term.

The National Commander and five National Vice Commanders and the

National Executive Committeemen, 1980-81

National Chaplain are also members of the policy-making NEC body, with the Commander serving as chairman. In addition, all living and past National Commanders are life members of the Committee with a voice but no vote.

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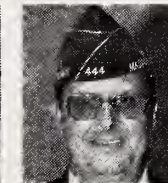
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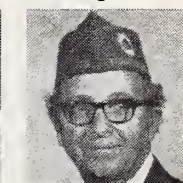
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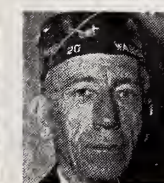
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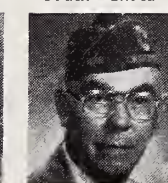
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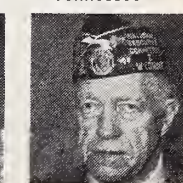
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FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Capitol Hill's 'New Sense of Reality'

"The record shows that traditional Legion positions on national and international issues more closely approximate public opinion now than at any point in the past decade."

By E. Philip Riffin & Paul S. Egan
The American Legion Legislative Division

As the 96th Congress draws to a close, there can be little doubt that things in 1980 are dramatically different from what they were in 1970. Public attitudes have changed, and those changes are unmistakably evident in the halls of Congress.

In 1970 the Vietnam War was winding down. Americans increasingly doubted the desirability of foreign entanglements. In 1972, the Nixon Administration was becoming deeply embroiled in the Watergate scandal.

While the decade began amid grave doubts about American governmental intentions—internationally as well as domestically—it also opened amid a new idealism. Even as wide-spread popular suspicion of government institutions grew, Americans demanded social justice for all of its citizens. Defense, foreign policy and many other traditional federal undertakings took a back seat to burgeoning increases in vast new and costly social welfare programs.

However, developments during the latter part of the decade gave evidence of a movement toward conservatism. The quality of our nation's armed forces became a matter of public debate, rather than an issue to be ignored. Frustration over the nation's inability to influence or respond to international events replaced an earlier desire for an isolationist or "hands off" foreign policy. Automatic approval of massive new social welfare initiatives gave way to an increasing demand for more restraint in federal spending.

A review of the 96th Congress is an evaluation of legislative activities

which contrast sharply with those of its predecessors. In 1979 and 1980, legislators on Capitol Hill grappled with numerous controversial issues and, in so doing, began to truly reflect changes in public attitudes.

For its part, The American Legion maintained a steady course throughout the decade. The Legion has been consistent in its concern with sustaining world peace and American greatness through strength. As always, Legion positions have sought to assure the welfare of those who have answered the call to arms when needed.

Although the organization did encounter some setbacks on Capitol Hill in 1979 and 1980, the record shows that traditional Legion positions on national and international issues more closely approximate public opinion now than at any point in the last decade. Tracing activities of the 96th Congress in the areas of national security and veterans affairs provides conclusive evidence that Legion opinion and public opinion have become more closely aligned.

Looking back to the Watergate era, one may recall revelations of wrongdoing by the FBI and our intelligence community. The result was passage of legislation reflecting overblown perceptions of federal wrongdoing. For the FBI, new regulations were promulgated governing the actions and operations of agents. Usage of informants was scrutinized, and traditional investigation techniques were outlawed. The demoralization of the FBI was soon followed by a dangerous inability to do its job. So precipitous was the decline in FBI effectiveness that, in 1976, there were states in which the safety of Presidential candidates could not be guaranteed.

During the 96th Congress, legislators began to take a closer look at

restrictive laws passed during earlier frenzied years. FBI charter legislation was introduced and, even though no such legislation was passed, its introduction was a clear sign that a new sense of reality was emerging on Capitol Hill.

As with the FBI, the CIA was also emasculated. Agents overseas have been jeopardized by Freedom of Information requests and national security has clearly been compromised by over-restriction of covert operations. Foreign governments have refused to share secrets with American intelligence officials for fear of leaks. In 1974, the Hughes-Ryan amendment expanded oversight of CIA operations to include as many as eight Congressional committees. This allowed virtually hundreds of individuals, including committee members and their staff, access to the nation's most classified information.

Once again, as with the FBI, legislators in the 96th Congress awakened to the CIA's inability to perform its mission of insuring national security. They approved legislation to limit oversight of the CIA to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, rather than the eight allowed by the 1974 Hughes-Ryan measure.

Also of concern to the CIA is the subject of malicious disclosure of overseas agent identities. Legislation to criminalize such disclosures may yet be passed this year. If enacted, no longer would agents and their families be open to assassination attempts in the wake of publication of their identities as CIA operatives.

The early 1970s also found the nation in a state of shock over failure in Vietnam. Many Americans felt that our youth had been sent off to war needlessly. They demanded an end to the draft and, in 1973, Congress (desperately seeking a panacea-like solution to the draft) created the All Volunteer Army. This, of course, was followed throughout the remainder of the decade by inattention to the military's personnel needs. As if reluctant to look upon an open wound, Congress let military salaries lag behind inflation and overlooked the increasingly low quality of new recruits.

Not until 1979 and 1980—when unacceptable Cuban brigades suddenly became acceptable, when 54 Americans were seized in Iran and when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan—did Congress take the warnings of those like The American Legion seriously. As a result, 19- and 20-year-old males have now registered for the draft, and military pay and benefits have been dramatically boosted to encourage quality personnel to enter the services and stay there.

The entire defense budget throughout the 1970s was also the victim of inattention to the military. As social welfare programs were created and augmented, DoD budgets declined. The semantics of nuclear strategic policy, for example, accurately reflects the process of rationalizing the importance of military power. The policy of "massive retaliation" under Eisenhower is now replaced, sheepishly, with "essential equivalence."

The state of U.S. military preparedness and the erosion of the American arsenal is echoed by the shifts in strategic policy over the years. But, fortunately, Congress and the Administration have recognized the Soviet threat by promoting a significant Fiscal Year 1981 defense budget—a welcome departure from those of recent years.

The Legion has held its ground throughout the years, tenaciously clinging to sound judgment as reflected by its resolutions concerning defense. Having always been loud and clear, the Legion's legislative voice now stands respected for having been correct, even if inconsistent with vacillating popular attitudes.

Public shock in the early 1970s over U.S. failure in Vietnam was accompanied by an attitude that those Americans who fought there were second class citizens, an attitude which was substantiated by national polls. Recent polls, however, offer significantly different results. Younger veterans are now seen as men and women who simply fulfilled one of the obligations of citizenship, who did encounter some unique problems when returning to civilian life and who *do* have a legitimate claim for special governmental assistance.

The 96th Congress, recognizing this change in public opinion, approved legislation for a program of readjustment counseling for Vietnam

era veterans. This program contains a nationwide network of VA "storefront" facilities where young veterans can seek assistance without being exposed to the bureaucratic environment of a VA Regional Office.

The importance of veterans employment problems has been recognized by legislation to create an Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment. Congressional concern over the economic welfare of these veterans has been further shown by a series of oversight hearings instructing the Small Business Administration to enforce a six-year-old mandate which gives veterans "special consideration" for business loan applications and services.

Congress has also gotten involved with specific medical problems of

"The Legion's legislative voice now stands respected for having been correct."

younger veterans by addressing the Agent Orange controversy. Legislation has been enacted which directs VA to conduct a scientifically sound study on long-term health effects of exposure to Agent Orange.

Health care delivery for veterans has also been a matter of concern during the 96th Congress, centering around a "quality vs. quantity" debate. The quality of that care has been enhanced by enactment of PL 96-330, legislation which substantially improves the salaries of VA medical care personnel. This measure also establishes a scholarship program for medical and nursing students in exchange for specific periods of obligated service in the VA hospital system.

The "quantity" side of the health care debate has not been completely resolved by this Congress. Despite a rapidly aging veteran population, sufficient funds have not been approved to accommodate the current demand for VA medical care. As an alternative, Congress has decided to evaluate methods to improve the efficiency of health care delivery in the VA hospital system. One such evaluation device was included in PL 96-330, a provision calling for the establishment of geriatric research and

treatment centers at various locations.

This review of the 96th Congress' activities in the areas of national security and veterans affairs reflects a willingness on Capitol Hill to comply with public opinion, but no analysis of the past two years would be complete without evaluating Congressional actions in response to the public's demand for more restraint in federal spending.

As the 96th Congress convened in January 1979, a campaign to balance the federal budget was launched. Balancing the budget, a goal which had not been achieved in 10 years, was made more difficult in the second session of the 96th Congress by a previous commitment to substantially increase defense spending.

It therefore was clear that Congress would have to cut domestic programs in order to accommodate greater defense expenditures. Despite an earnest effort to balance the budget, deteriorating economic conditions in mid-1980 have forced Congress to face the realities of more unemployment compensation claims and reduced tax revenues, conditions which will likely produce a \$20-\$30 billion deficit next year.

Although restraint in federal spending is but one of several public demands in recent years which Congress has attempted to meet, the spending restraint debate is a classic example of those challenges faced by The American Legion on Capitol Hill. The Legion found itself in 1980 in a rather unusual position—advocating fiscal responsibility (a balanced budget) while supporting increased defense spending and greater expenditures for selected domestic programs such as the traditional package of veterans benefits, improved employment assistance for veterans, more service to veterans by the Small Business Administration, and more effective child welfare initiatives. Clearly, The American Legion was hard pressed during the 96th Congress to justify its demands for federal budget restraint while seeking more defense funds and more domestic spending, demands which Congress sometimes saw as conflicting with one another.

This apparent conflict vividly illustrates the difficulty of the task facing The American Legion as it looks toward the 97th Congress. ■

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FOR LEGIONNAIRES



More than 600 Legionnaires, public officials and friends of Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek participated in his homecoming Oct. 10-12 in his hometown of Lackawanna, NY, and at spots in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, NY, and across the Canadian border in Niagara Falls, Ontario (above). Highlights of the weekend included a

banquet in his honor and a reception and buffet (right) hosted by his home Post 1477 in Lackawanna. In addition, homecoming celebrators were treated to a view of Niagara Falls from the Skylon Tower in Canada, enjoyed coffee and donuts at Canadian Legion Barracks No. 51 and lunched at Portage Post 1465 in Niagara Falls, NY.

Commander Kogutek's Empire State Homecoming



Boys State Leaders Killed In Indianapolis Car Wreck

Four leaders of the Legion's Boys State program were killed in a car-truck accident in Indianapolis. The four were attending a Boys State planning conference at National Headquarters.

Dead are:

Frederick J. Freisleben, 57, Minnesota State Director for Boys State and a resident of Clara City, MN.

Arlyn J. Hanson, 47, Alaska State Director for Boys State and mayor-elect of Palmer, AK.

Myron A. Way, 55, Dean of Boys for Minnesota Boys State and a resident of Dayton, MN.

Fred N. Smith, 61, Iowa State Director for Boys State and a resident of Forest City, IA.

The driver of the truck, which police said ran a red light and struck the Legionnaires' rented automobile, was charged with four counts of reckless homicide. Two passengers in the

truck were treated for minor injuries and charged by police with public intoxication.

Freisleben, in addition to his Boys State activities, had been a past Minnesota Vice Cdr.; Vice Chairman of the National Security Commission; and member of the National Veterans Preference and Americanism Committees.

Smith had been National Americanism Council Vice Chairman since 1973 while Way had been a member of that same council since 1966.

Legion Insurance Benefits Increased

By resolution of the National Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis Oct. 15-16, a 20 percent across the board increase in the death benefits schedule in The American Legion Life Insurance Plan has been approved for 1981.

Legionnaires Honor VA Hospital Staff

Post and Auxiliary members of Prevot-Johnson Post 130 in Marksville, LA, recently decided to recognize that which many of us forget—the fine working relationship enjoyed by many Legionnaires with their local Veterans Hospital staffs.

In honoring the staff of nearby Alexandria, LA, hospital, Past Dept. Auxiliary President Eleanor Gremillion said, "We have as our guests so many who have served us so well; steadfast in their determination to heal the sick and help the wounded. (They) of the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Alexandria have met the challenge of a half century of dedication and perseverance."

Besides a plaque of appreciation presented to hospital administrator Walter Armstrong by Post Cdr. Belton Bordelon, Marksville Mayor Dr. Richard Michel presented the hospital a key to the city.

The event was topped off by a roast pig dinner fed to the VA guests.

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. I served in the Air National Guard from Feb. 1, 1955, until March 1, 1958. I was on active duty for training several times during this period for a total of 285 days. Am I eligible for a VA home loan guarantee?

A. No. To be eligible for VA home loan benefits a veteran must have served at least 90 days on active duty wartime service or more than 180 days of active duty during peacetime. For purposes of eligibility for home loans, active duty for training is not qualifying service.

Q. Can I make arrangements in advance for the burial of my wife and children in the event one or more of them dies before I do?

A. No. Application for burial in a national cemetery must be made at the time of death of an eligible veteran or his eligible dependent. The selected mortuary, VA cemetery or any VA office will provide information and assistance in matters pertaining to burial and allowances.

Q. I receive retired pay as a result of military service and I also qualify for a VA clothing allowance for prosthetic devices I wear. Am I required to waive a portion of my retirement equal to the clothing allowance?

A. No. But you must waive an amount equal to any VA compensation you receive.

Q. I recently retired from the military after 20 years of service and I plan to go to school under the GI Bill. Will I receive an allowance for my dependents?

A. Additional allowance is payable for dependents if the veteran attends school on at least a half-time basis. Dependents include spouse, minor children and unmarried children between 18 and 23 who are attending school.

Q. My husband was killed in service. I am now financially able to purchase a home. Will the Veterans Administration guarantee a loan for me?

A. Yes. Call or visit the nearest VA regional office. Assistance is also available through veterans service organizations such as The American Legion.



This year's World Series included a Legion mini-reunion between two former members of the Merle Guild Post 208, Arlington Heights, IL, Legion baseball team and the man who coached them. Legion baseball coach Lloyd Meyer is flanked by rookie Philadelphia outfielder George Vukovich and Royals leftlander Paul Splittorff. Splittorff pitched on the 1965 Great Lakes regional championship team and Vukovich completed his eligibility in 1974. (Photo by Chris T. Vleisides.)



Massachusetts recently became the first New England state to present special license plates to Medal of Honor recipients. Shown receiving their license plates from Governor Edward King are, from left, Capt. Thomas Hudner Jr., USN (Ret.); Charles A. MacGillivray; Everett Pope and George Street. The four, all Legionnaires, received the light blue plates during ceremonies in the Governor's office.

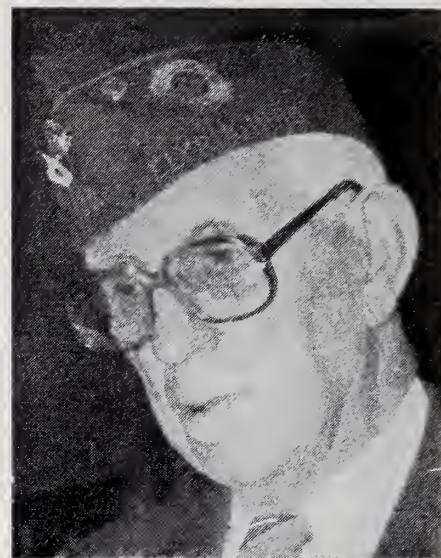
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Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek appears before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs. He is flanked by, from left, Robert E. Lyngh, director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division; William F. Lenker, chairman of the VA&R Commission and Albert D. Brown Jr., chairman of the Legislative Commission.

Ohio's Dirlam is Month's Legionnaire



Foster P. "Peet" Dirlam

Foster P. "Peet" Dirlam, 82, of Elyria, OH Post 12, has been named Legionnaire of the Month for December.

Peet, a veteran of both WWI and WWII, has been a member of the Legion for 61 years. He is Past Cdr. of Post 12, Past Fifth Dist. Cdr., Past Dept. of Ohio Treasurer and is now serving his tenth year as Adj. of Post 12. If that weren't enough, Peet attended his 50th Legion National Convention during 1980.

In nominating Peet Legionnaire of the Month, members of his Post claim he is the most active 82-year-old member in the State of Ohio or the whole United States. His record of Legion accomplishments seems to support that claim. Besides the Post and Dept. offices he has held, Peet has been on the staff of Buckeye Boys State for 13 years, was instrumental in organizing the Auxiliary Police of Post 12 and garnered enough awards along the way to cover the walls of his recreation room.

Among those awards are the proclamation for "Peet Dirlam Day" enacted by the City of Elyria during its 125th anniversary, "Man of the Year" award by Post 12 and numerous outstanding service awards from the National Guard, the Elyria Veterans Council, and from the Elyria Chamber of Commerce.



Members of Dudley-Gendron Post 414 in Sutton, MA spearheaded a drive that raised over \$11,000 to purchase life saving equipment for the community's rescue squad. The Legionnaires raised the money from the town's 5,000 residents in less than two months and donated the equipment that makes their rescue squad one of the best equipped in the area. Shown standing during the presentation are, from the left, Police Chief Robert Conley; fund raising chairman Sten Brote, Jr.; Vice Cdr. Edward Strozina and Cdr. James Goode. Kneeling, from left, are rescue squad captain Paul Maynard and Lt. Clifford Briggs.

TAPS

The Taps Notices mention, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

Frank Batchelor, WA Department Commander (1974-75), Department Vice Commander (1972-73).

Stanley W. Jones, NY Department Vice Commander (1940-41).

Richard M. Hardcastle, AK Alt. National Committeeman (1956-58), Department Commander (1952-53), Department Vice Commander (1951-52).

Warren A. Taylor, AK Department Commander (1925-26).

Clarence C. Horton, AL Department Commander (1944-45).

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Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

Army

31st Bomb Sq. (H), 5th Bomb Gp. (H), Hickam Field, Dec. 7th, 1941 (Dec-Orlando, FL). Paul Neff, P.O. Box 143, Fort Worth, TX 76101 (817) 737-5007

43d Inf. Div. Vets. Assn. (Jan-Orlando, FL). Joe Carey, P.O. Box 3192, Apt. 23F, Nalcrest (Lake Wales), FL 33856 (813) 696-1269

44th Inf. Div. Band WWII (April-Tempe, AZ). Hugh G. Teason, 1165 E. Bell Dr. Mar Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283 (602) 838-9121

107th Cavalry (Ohio) (April-Cincinnati, OH). Len Pflanz, 4489 Mahler Dr., Dayton, OH 45424 (513) 233-9865

151st Field Arty. Bn. (Jan-Minneapolis, MN). Norman V. Norberg, 1120 Unity Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55422 (612) 588-7430

159th Inf. Regt. (CNG) (March-San Francisco, CA). George M. Cooley, 80 Lincoln Dr., Sausalito, CA 94965 (415) 332-6122

184th Inf., 40th Div. WWII (April-San Luis Obispo, CA). Donald Urain, 4 N. Grand Ave., Woodland, CA 95695 (916) 662-4967

188th F.A. Service Btry. WWII (February). Tom Quealy, 2524 W. Berridge Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85017 (602) 242-3785

516th, 626th Med. Clearing Cos., 130th Evac. Hosp. WWII (April). Paul B. Marks, 55 Pine Trail, Fairview Hgts., IL 62208 (618) 397-3152

1502d Eng. Water Supply Co. (April-Reno, NV). Mario Schiavon, 3324 W. Sierra, Fresno, CA 93711 (209) 439-0500

Navy

USS LST 309 (March-Clearwater, FL). Al Dube, 2372 Nolan Dr., Largo, FL 33540 (813) 442-2095

USS Monterey Assn. (CVL 26) (March-Pensacola, FL). George W. Fisher, 27 Scrub Oak Rd., Mine Hill, Dover, NJ 07801 (201) 361-1850

USS Seminole (AKA 104) WWII (April-Park Ridge, IL). Francis J. Davin, 14820 Minerva Ave., Dolton, IL 60419 (312) 849-7117

Marines

Edson's Raiders Assn. (Feb-Quantico, VA). Chester Goll, Box 980, Washington, DC 20044

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

2993rd Replacement Co. William B. Carney is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in France in June 1945, he suffered a back injury when he was thrown into a truck. Contact CID 694

"L" Co., 260th Infantry, 65th Division. Francis D. Van Petten needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Shelby, MS in 1944, he suffered a knee injury during a truck accident. Contact CID 695

310th Co., 510th Port Bn. John C. Cunningham needs witnesses to verify a claim he suffered a back injury when he jumped from a landing barge while stationed at Tinian Island, Marianas in 1946. Contact CID 696

Bravo Co., 26th Marines, 3rd Division. Charles L. Keister needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in Vietnam in March 1968, he was in a helicopter that was shot down by enemy fire. Contact CID 697

387th Chemical Decon. Co. Kenneth F. Schlueter needs witnesses to verify a claim that he injured his right knee during a field training exercise while stationed at Camp McCoy, WI in March 1951. Contact CID 698

28th Infantry Bn. Dewaine William Morris is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that in October 1945 while in Germany, he suffered a concussion from an explosion and was treated at the field hospital. Contact CID 699

"B" Co., 8th Bn., 8th Division Hq. Robert Veal needs witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered frostbite on his fingers and systemic lupus erythematosus while stationed at Bad Kreuznach, Germany in November 1965. Contact CID 700

"L" Co., 395th Regt., 85th Division. Harry Wells needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in Italy in September 1944, he suffered a concussion from a German grenade. Contact CID 701

MABS 16, MAG 16 Sub Unit 2. Carl Francis Gladish needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Danang, South Vietnam in 1963, he suffered boils and eruptions on the skin. Contact CID 702

"E" Battery, 59th Arty, C.A.C. Walter J. Shanahan needs witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered an ear injury when he was hit by shrapnel and was treated by medics while stationed at Fleville, France in Oct. 1918. Contact CID 703

Hdqtrs. Co., FST-MGF Navy 128. George A. Queel needs witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered from a stomach ailment and injured his right ankle when he jumped off a truck while stationed at Pearl Harbor in 1945. Contact CID 704

"A" Btry., 492nd F.A., 746th Railway Oper. Btry. John C. Butler needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Roberts, CA in 1943, he fell and broke two teeth and while in Germany in 1945, he suffered from Pyorrhea. Contact CID 705

140th G.S. Chemical Co. Earle T. Filby needs witnesses to verify a claim that he injured his right side when involved in an accident between a 6x6 and a German truck while stationed at Lanquaid, Germany in 1946. Contact CID 706

USS New Jersey. Howard A. Finnstrom needs witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered and was treated for food poisoning and incontinence while stationed at Philadelphia Naval yard in September 1943. Contact CID 707

"G" Co., 140th Inf. Rowland E. Ramsey needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Rucker, AL in April 1945, he suffered a gun shot wound to the right wrist. Contact CID 708

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Ray Martinez (1980), Post 41, Phoenix, AZ
Maurice A. Carlson, James R. Connelly, W. Blair Gibbens, Ray Kirby, John F. Lackey, Willis G. Robertson (1979), Donald M. Lindsay, William M. Southall (1980), Post 283, Pacific Palisades, CA

Julius C. Carpentier (1980), Post 299, Chino, CA

John R. Premuer, Charles E. Siebert (1979), Post 309, Los Angeles, CA

C. Roy Carmichael, Andrew Valverde, Norbert C. Valverde (1979), Post 329, Portola, CA

Gerald Hooper (1979), Post 444, Morgan Hill, CA

Richard "Vic" Washebek, Ernest Fowler, Richard E. Winger (1980), Post 465, Bell Gardens, CA

James W. Horton (1979), Post 833, Carson, CA

Otto E. Kassor, Israel J. Richman (1980), Post 96, West Hartford, CT

Raymond R. DeMartino, Bennett W. DeBiase (1980), Post 127, Orange, CT

W. P. Hartman (1977), A. D. Hammond (1980), Post 36, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Joseph Orban (1980), Post 58, Dunnellon, FL

William Campbell (1980), Post 62, Stuart, FL

Leslie J. Campbell, Ernest E. Carlson, James T. Lambdin, Jay Riseman, Samuel W. Rosenblatt (1980), Post 162, Deerfield Beach, FL

Alve Kriemeyer (1980), Post 284, Belleview, FL

Thomas L. Ratliff (1980), Post 316, Atlantic Beach, FL

Arthur T. Bacon, Robert J. Austin (1980), Post 160, Smyrna, GA

E. E. Inman, Robert W. Knudsen, Arthur L. Langenwalter (1979), Wayne Claunch, Marvin Wheeler (1980), Post 59, Aberdeen, ID

William W. Ebberts (1980), Post 109, Challis, ID

Edwin S. Ryan, John O. Selgestad, Walter M. Smith (1980), Post 12, Dixon, IL

Carl W. Endicott (1980), Post 47, Chicago, IL

Ed Martin, Sr. (1978), Joe G. Schmidt (1980), Post 134, Morton Grove, IL

Earl O. Robinson, Joseph R. Nay, Rholand Fitzpatrick (1980), Post 539, Kansas, IL

Fred Alex, George L. Armstrong, Richard Bard, Leo H. Bender, Leo C. Bohrer, Dr. E.D. Buettell, Bert J. Daniels, Warren E. Daniels, Harry W. Dissinger, Harry E. Ellett, Ralph Judd (1978), Post 85, Perry, IA

Richard J. Coates, Louis L. Crawford, Salvador Leslie, Sr., Cyril R. Todaro, David S. Gissel, Paul J. Everett, Chester H. Haydel (1980), Post 175, Metairie, LA

William A. Hopkins, Martin A. Lyczynski, Jr., Leonard S. Sadowski (1980), Post 394, Warren, MI

C. I. Ward (1978), Post 33, Cameron, MO

Lester J. Stintzman (1980), Post 113, Frenchtown, NJ

Henry Beyer, W.A. Greer, Alec C. Hood, Otto L. Hutte, Charles E. Kelso, W.H. Shillito, Luke B. Shires, C.N. Vlachakis (1980), Post 10, Las Cruces, NM

Francis X. Torre (1980), Post 118, Woodhaven, NY

Nicholas Biscotto, Owen J. Schnitzer (1980), Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Edward J. Benkowski (1980), Post 1266, Wurtsboro, NY

Joseph K. Blewitt, Frank J. Gallo, William E. Smith, Joseph P. Tumetty, Harry A. Wood (1979), Post 10, Fort Washington, PA

Michael J. Hertzog, Harry F. Ibbotson, James D. Jones, Edward L. Krause, Jerry M. Kuehner, Luther J. Minnich, Charles E. Rowlands, Griffith L. Rowlands, Jr., Robert E. Rowlands, Leon G. Scheffler, Albert Schertzing, Ambrose Serfass, (1979), Post 16, Slaton, PA

J. Stephen Gold (1973), Marian A. Bomber (1975), James Campbell, Arthur Warmerdam (1979), Post 248, Glenside, PA

John Hagertry (1979), Carl O. Nelson, Jr. (1980), Post 473, Freeland, PA

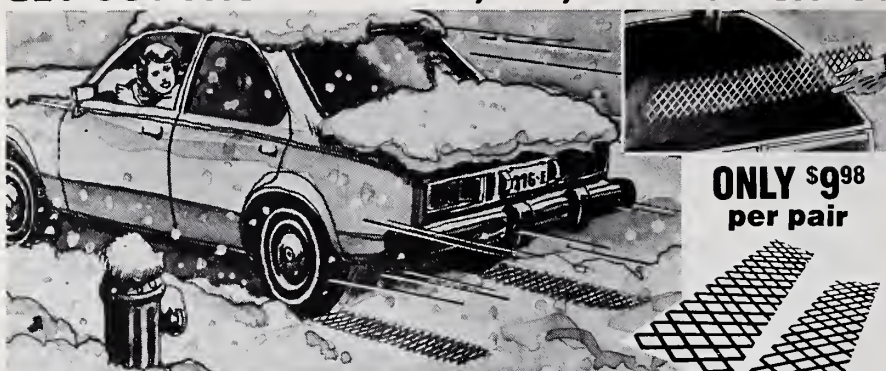
Louis Moriano, Patrick J. Wastella, Frank Haduck, Claude L. Resio (1979), Post 513, Old Forge, PA

Guy R. Burkholder, James J. Cerney, Jr., Frank Kueera, Edwin Meyer, Sr., Robert A. Newsam, James Prechal, George A. Whiting, Don R. Naper, Walter Reetz, Elmer N. Rosser, Herman Rygg, James C. Simunek, Charles Soesbe, Joseph Waskowiak (1970), Post 6, Gregory, SD

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Commander's Message

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since 1977 was a bill sponsored by The American Legion and signed by President Carter last October.

We've been continually concerned over the effects of combat stress. We've opened our membership to those scientists studying the problem and have supported the efforts of Operation Outreach and the more than 90 Vet Centers across the country where, among other things, Vietnam veterans can receive help related to problems associated with Post Vietnam Stress Disorder without the red tape or hassle of a massive federal bureaucracy. Most recently, The American Legion has taken the position that the question of Agent Orange should be studied by an independent organization.

In the spring, I will participate in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery that will underscore The American Legion's commitment to the Vietnam veteran. Acting upon a resolution passed by the National Executive Committee during its fall meetings I will present the Legion's highest award, a Special Distinguished Service Medal, in memory of the men and women who lost their lives and those whose location and remains are known only to God as a result of the war in Vietnam.

But memorials are not enough. That's why I have appointed a Special POW/MIA Committee for the purpose of giving priority attention to the POWs and MIAs. We can do no less for all veterans than to demand answers to these POW/MIA questions.

Our commitment to the Vietnam veteran is a matter of record. It's a fine record, but one that must be brought to the attention of the 8 million Vietnam veterans who are not members of the Legion.

Those who fought in Vietnam are our future. Those who fought and died in Vietnam are our legacy.

Vietnam veterans came back from that war with a keenly developed sense of teamwork and motivation. Now, they are ready to put those same senses to work for The American Legion. We have done so much. We have so much more to do. With the Vietnam veteran in our midst we'll continue to get the job done for America. It is, indeed, an exciting time to be a Legionnaire. ■

Books

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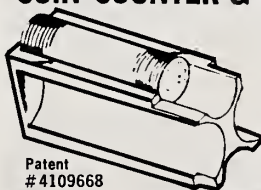
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Telephones Do It All

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gliding about on roller skates. In rural areas, the lone sentinel of the switchboard served as the community's nerve center, baby sitter, alarm clock, watchdog and newspaper.

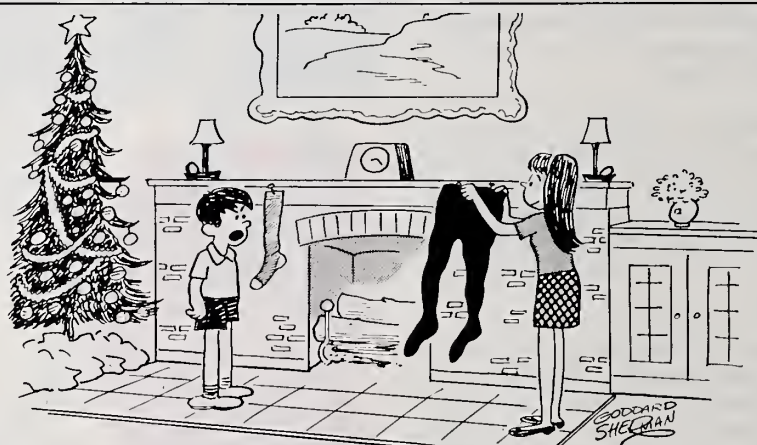
No matter was too great or too small to be handled by the lady at central: "Helen, this is Grace. Do you put one cup of sugar or two in that cake recipe of Martha's?" . . . "Helen, this is George. My ewes are about to start lambing. Will you ring me up about four o'clock so I can check them?" . . . "Helen, this is Dolores. Will you ring me up when that no-good husband of mine drives past your place?"

But all the bugs had not yet been purged. Noise was the biggest problem. Early phone lines used the Earth as a conductor, but often what got conducted was "sputtering and bubbling, jerking and rasping, whistling and screaming. There were the rustling of leaves, croaking of frogs, hissing of steam and the flapping of birds' wings." Farmers became adept

shooters at pole insulators. Prairie dogs chewed through underground cables. Indians coveted the copper wire for making jewelry. Bears mistook the lines' buzzing for the sound of bees and toppled telephone poles in a vain search for honey. A single prankster could short out conversations for miles just by tossing a strand of wire over the phone line.

In spite of all this, by 1911, phone service had pushed its way to Denver, and, in 1915, Bell and Watson re-created their initial phone conversation over a line between San Francisco and New York. Pictures were transmitted via phones in 1924. Herbert Hoover brought the invention to the executive office of the White House in 1929.

Obscene and crank calls crept into the system after World War II. In the 1950s parents opened up telephone lines to teenagers. A few years later—in 1969—President Nixon picked up his phone and spoke to astronauts on the moon.



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at predicting thunderstorms and cold fronts just by listening to phone line atmospheric static. "We were ashamed to present our bills," admitted one company manager, "for no matter how plainly a man talked into his telephone, his language was apt to sound like Choctaw at the other end."

Fortunately, most of the noise problems were eliminated when a double wire replaced the single strand and insulation technology caught up with the times.

As phone lines pushed westward, new problems reared their heads. Cowboys blasted away with six-

Today, universal service is taken for granted, as the telephone penetrates technological frontiers. A busy, mobile patron can instruct his phone to automatically transfer calls to another number. Picture phone conferences help eliminate the need for business travel, but still allow irate managers to browbeat subordinates. Even the incomplete call is on the way out, as a busy signal is translated into a gentle beep on the occupied line, informing speakers that another call is waiting.

Roomfuls of old mechanical switching equipment are now contained on a single microscopic electronic chip.

While Bell and Watson shouted to be heard in the next room, today's phones carry quiet conversations between businessmen driving on a Chicago expressway and brokers in London offices. A traveler wintering in Florida can monitor the temperature inside his North Dakota home just by dialing his own number.

Elderly persons living alone are perpetually monitored by telephones poised to automatically summon ambulance or police should an emergency arise. And for the truly suspicious, a new device will analyze voice components and tell immediately if the person on the other end of the phone is stretching the truth.

Soon, you'll be able to instruct your phone to continue dialing a certain number until someone answers. Pay phones will compute the cost of a call, inform the patron and count the coins. Directory assistance will consist of spelling the person's name out on a push-button phone and listening to a voice-simulation computer read the number.

"By the year 2030," says Bell Laboratory Vice President Sol Buchsbaum, "there won't be such a thing as a telephone. You'll have a computer terminal." Voice-recognition computers will permit you to transfer bank funds and order plane tickets without speaking to another human. Facsimile printers will reproduce before your very eyes an important document—or your daughter's letter—a continent away. You'll be able to tap into data storage banks and withdraw printed information on everything from sports to fashion.

Even before your telephone acquires computer capabilities, though, it will learn to automatically accept collect calls from pre-chosen numbers, warn you with a beep when a recording is about to come on the line and tell you who's calling before you pick up the receiver. Coming, too, is the day when you use your phone to vote in elections, play bridge coast-to-coast and have your blood pressure checked.

The wizards of telephony promise, however, that sex will remain outside the instrument's domain, but futurists are reluctant to exclude many other human endeavors. Bell's "improvement in telegraphy" has come a long way in 100 years, and the phone's future looks brighter than ever. ■

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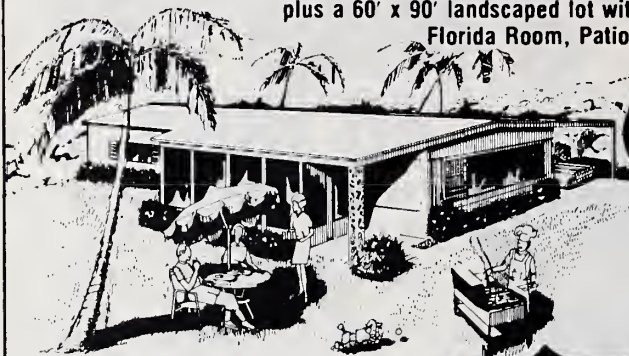
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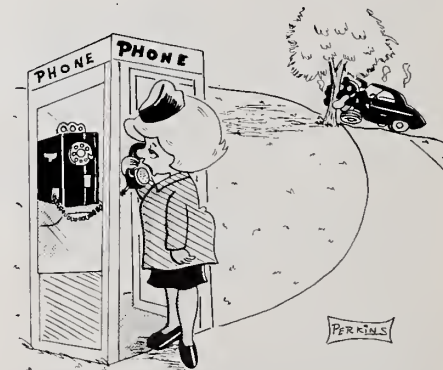
And Lo, The Star

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And of them all, the star that meant the most to us as children was the Christmas Star. We began watching for it a week or two before the holiday, and vied to be the first to spy its brilliant colors. For always it seemed there was one star in the east whose size and beauty outshone all the rest. With the same zeal we competed to see who could fashion the finest cardboard silver star to crown our Christmas tree.

The tree was usually a tall, fragrant, prickly fir cut from Uncle Harrison's farm. Our uncle would deliver it—a big, noisy, ruddy man as jovial as Santa Claus in his boots and stocking cap and shaggy raccoon coat. And to hear his bobsled with its jingling bells coming down the street was almost as exciting as a visit from the jolly elf himself. After much stamping and shaking and brushing off of snow, the tree would be hauled in and set up before the big bay window, not quite touching the ceiling so as to leave room for the winning star.

Mother would have already brought down from the attic her faithful box of decorations. Collapsible paper bells rustled as they danced



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above the hot air register. Ropes of red and green garlanded the doors. There were strings of tarnished tinsel and a few precious ornaments, fragile as robin's eggs in their nests of tissue paper. These we unwrapped and hung on the tree with care. But the really serious business would go on after supper, for no tree was properly trimmed without our handiwork.

When the dishes were cleared, we knelt on chairs around the round oak table, scribbling and whacking and

pastings joyously away. First, the chains were made out of links of thick construction paper—or tablet paper colored with crayons and cut out with blunt-pointed scissors. “Don’t color too close to the ends,” we advised each other, “or the paste won’t stick.” The paste was usually made of flour and water in a lid or saucer and stirred with wooden match sticks. Though sometimes (ah, luxury!) there was a bottle of library paste, smooth and new and sweet smelling from the drugstore.

Meanwhile, the merry rattling and heavenly scent of popcorn floated from the kitchen. Mother dumped it into a dishpan and brought it to us for stringing. Dad, making funny, squinting faces, would thread the needles and show us how to pierce the delicate white blossoms, though their flesh was so frail that no matter how careful you were the kernels would break. Cranberries were easier—the needle plunged through their scarlet hearts with juicy pops, and soon you had a bright necklace for a branch of the patiently waiting tree.

Somehow, by common consent all this must be accomplished before we even started on our stars. For stars were tricky too. It is hard to draw a perfect star. But fat, skinny or lop-sided, we cut them out of cardboard and covered them with shiny tinfoil stripped from gum wrappers or candy bars. Then from the cluttered silvery firmament of our efforts, Dad would choose the best.

“Golly, they’re all so pretty I can’t decide!” he’d claim, scratching his prematurely bald head. He’d circle the table round and round, lifting and studying each one while my heart pounded. Finally he’d end the suspense. “The winner!” he’d announce, holding the largest, least crooked one high. Then with a flourish he would lead its beaming creator to the stepladder, steady the climb to the ceiling, and help with the careful hanging of the star. Only when that silver star reigned secure could the tiny candles be lit.

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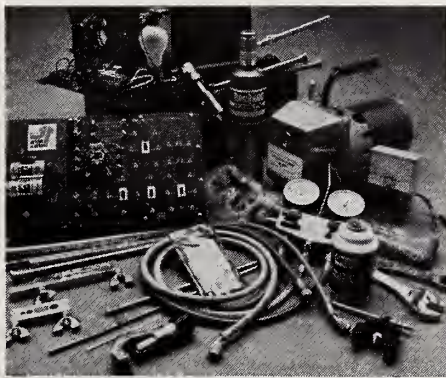
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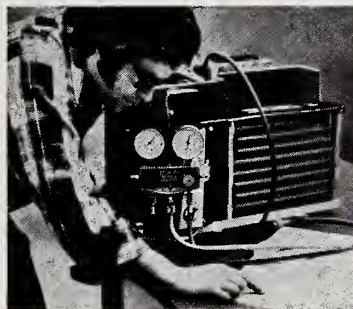
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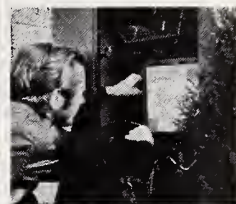
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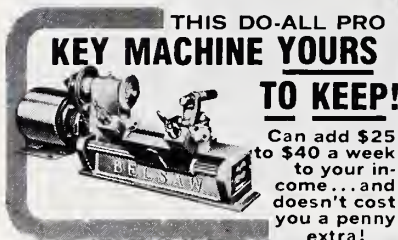
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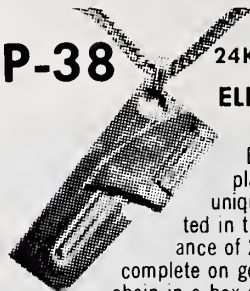
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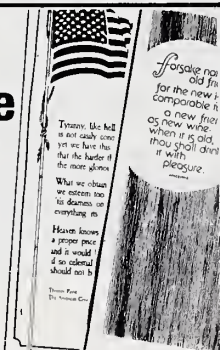


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ens angels appeared, proclaiming the glorious news. The wise men who journeyed so long and far, guided only by the great and brilliant star.

And lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was.

We saw it, we saw it! Of course, we saw it walking to church with our parents through the snow. And like those wise men we rejoiced "with exceeding great joy." There were stars everywhere on that blessed night. Under the corner street lights the very walks and drifts were an explosion of tiny stars. There were stars in people's voices calling, "Merry Christmas!" and after the pageant and the carols, stars in children's eyes rushing home to hang up stockings, or lie quivering, listening for the beat of tiny hooves.



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Oh, stars will always be special for Christmas, and stars don't change. Yet, we all need stars to brighten our lives every day of the year. Stars to wish on, stars to mark our achievements. Though we outgrow those little gold stars on school papers, we're never too big for the stars of a compliment, a word of appreciation, an honor, an award.

Yes, we need stars to shoot for, stars to steer by! A faith, a program, a goal on which to fix the course of our lives. And for this we need stars we can look up to—people who can inspire us, lead us. This we need

most of all, especially when we are young.

Sadly, in this loud, violent, drug and sex-oriented era, many of the "stars" our children worship are anti-heroes; sometimes they seem little more than painted demons with amplifiers. Where have all the heroes gone? we sometimes wonder. Where, oh where are all the stars that used to enrich our lives?

Then we remember that we already have a hero who lives beyond time and place—the Star of the Christmas Story. Not just the pretty baby in the manger, but a great and mighty man who walked the roads healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind. Teaching mercy, love, forgiveness, yet rousing the people to injustice. A man who wasn't afraid to denounce the leaders of his country as whitewashed tombs and hypocrites. To take up a whip and lash the crooked money changers from the Temple.

A man willing to die for his convictions. I believe he was indeed the long-awaited Messiah, Son of God. But even those who don't, acknowledge that he was a star of genuine magnitude. Yet he was no legend, he actually lived, and his life profoundly affected and changed the world. And despite all the commercialism and hedonism today, lo, that star shines still!

For multitudes, young and old, still follow him. To many he is literally, "Jesus Christ, Superstar." Some found him during the very time of chaos when that Broadway musical was written. Many were healed of drug addiction, others were led into lives of service. Others found him in different ways, or never lost sight of him at all. Go to church this Christmas Eve and you will see young people there, often with little new families of their own.

They probably didn't walk to church as we did, crunching through the sparkling snow. And the star that shines atop their tree probably wasn't fashioned by eager fingers out of cardboard and tinfoil. But surely the loving excitement with which it was hung was just as great. Going and coming I'm sure they scanned the skies, just as we did, searching among its jewels for one brighter than all the rest—the beautiful Christmas Star. ■

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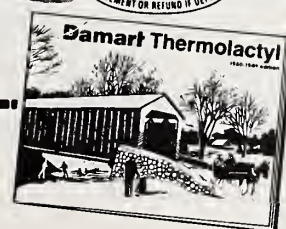
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Budget: Your family should have a 1981 financial plan based on projected income and expenditures, to keep inflation from swamping you. Some hints: Don't let short-term debts go over 15-20 percent of your pay; when you buy on credit, put as much down as possible (shoot for 25 percent); don't purchase anything which will wear out before it's paid for.

Wills: If you have one, it should be current. If you don't, by all means make one (that goes for a spouse, too). Be sure your family knows where your testament is, as well as important documents such as insurance policies, bank books, deeds and securities. Also, your family should have an emergency fund in case something happens to you.

Home Insurance: Protection should be keeping pace with the increasing value of your residence. If you insure at 80 percent or more of replacement cost, losses will be fully paid up to the face value of the policy; below 80 percent coverage, you get considerably less. Personal property usually is covered automatically up to 50 percent of the amount of insurance on the residence, but there are special, low limits on some items—cameras, coins and furs, for example. You may want to buy extra coverage on such possessions if they're valuable.

If you live in an apartment or condominium, you can get policies geared to that type of dwelling.

Paperwork: It's sensible to discard useless paper periodically, but don't throw out tax data for at least three years. Keep records pertaining to permanent home improvements indefinitely; also save security transactions and canceled checks for such major transactions as loan repayments. If in doubt, retain paperwork.

Equipment Rental Can Be A Bargain

If you use bulky or expensive home equipment intermittently, consider renting rather than buying. Here are some typical rates compiled by the "Rental Equipment Register":

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The rental fraternity (excluding companies renting cars, furniture or clothing) now comprises some 8,000-10,000 outlets, the great majority individually owned. Their pitch: 1) Rented equipment usually is superior to what you would buy, 2) it's the latest available, and 3) you have no storage or maintenance problem.

Incidentally, if you rent an item, find out who is responsible if it is damaged or breaks down. Many dealers will waive damage claims for 5 percent of the rental fee.

New Payment Rules For Banks

New Banking Rules: Federal regulators have cracked down on free gifts and "finder's fees" banks have been offering to attract new deposits.

Hereafter, the limit on gifts is \$10 on deposits of less than \$5,000 and \$20 on deposits of \$5,000 or more. Actually, this is twice the old limit, but banks had been piercing the prior ceiling by attributing part of the gift to "shipping and handling" expenses—claiming, for instance, that a \$20 appliance actually was worth only \$5. Now this practice is forbidden. As for "finder's fees," they're all but banned.

Meantime, the interest on NOW accounts (interest-bearing checking accounts) has been raised from 5 percent to 5 1/4 percent. Also, the regulators say they hope to raise the interest on passbook accounts (now a maximum of 5 1/2 percent) by next fall.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

Morality

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could never have made it in this profession, which abounds in all kinds of temptations, without the protection of that early training.

I'm convinced that one of the main reasons for the longevity of our orchestra is because we have based our entire operation on the truths and philosophies I learned as a child. All our fundamental concepts—working together, sharing together, training new young talent within the "family," operating on trust rather than contracts, looking always to God's Laws for guidance—all those things have enabled us to become almost as close as a real family. This year we began our 26th consecutive year on television, and I think we've demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that the moral values which work so well in private life, work equally well in business. In fact—they work in life itself.

Which brings me to a very important point. If the values we learn in our youth are the ones which ultimately direct our lives, then I think we must make a stronger effort to help today's young people. Many youngsters already have good parents who give them values and standards to live by, but thousands more don't have that privilege. These are the lonely ones, left stranded in life—without love, without goals, without any strong belief to give them courage. Little wonder they fall prey to temptation.

That's one of the main reasons I have been recommending a change in our child labor laws. I just have a very strong feeling that if we would allow—even encourage!—our young folks to work, it could make all the difference in their lives. I'm not talking about *making* them work, you understand—just giving them the privilege of doing so, if they wish. Based on my years of experience and observation, I am absolutely convinced that a job would not only help our young people learn a skill and earn a few dollars, it would also keep them busy, interested and out of trouble. It's even conceivable that the right employer and the right job would help fill the void in the life of some lonely, unloved youngster, let him know that someone cares, introduce him to some basic ethical standards so he

could begin to build a solid, morally sound, self-sustaining life. That would be a blessing for all of us. The moral strength of a nation is bound up irretrievably with the moral strength of its citizens—the young people of today are tomorrow's America.

I'm the son of immigrant parents. My mother and father, like most of the people in our village, were passionately grateful to be able to live in a land which guaranteed them freedom as defined in a Constitution founded on a belief in God. They truly loved this country.

They expressed their love most fully on the Fourth of July. What a great day that was! Everybody came to town, and everybody celebrated, starting with church services in the morning, then a picnic with baseball games, fireworks, singing, dancing, and always a parade. Our little town band would come tooting down the main street, playing for all it was worth while we stood crowded together on the wooden sidewalks, laughing and clapping and cheering them on. But when the Flag came by . . . a sudden hush would descend. The men would remove their hats, the women and children stood in absolute silence until the Flag passed by. Not a sound was heard but the slap-slap of the marchers' feet. You could almost feel the wave of reverence and love, and I have often thought that those hard-working, immigrant farmers, most of whom could not speak a word of English, were among the most American Americans I have ever known.

I would love to see a resurgence of that feeling, just as I would like to see a renewed respect for the basic ethics which have guided our human family for centuries.

We are in a moral crisis right now in this country. Old standards are being attacked. We are being encouraged to seek personal gratification, rather than accomplishment, as the way to true happiness. But that simply does not work.

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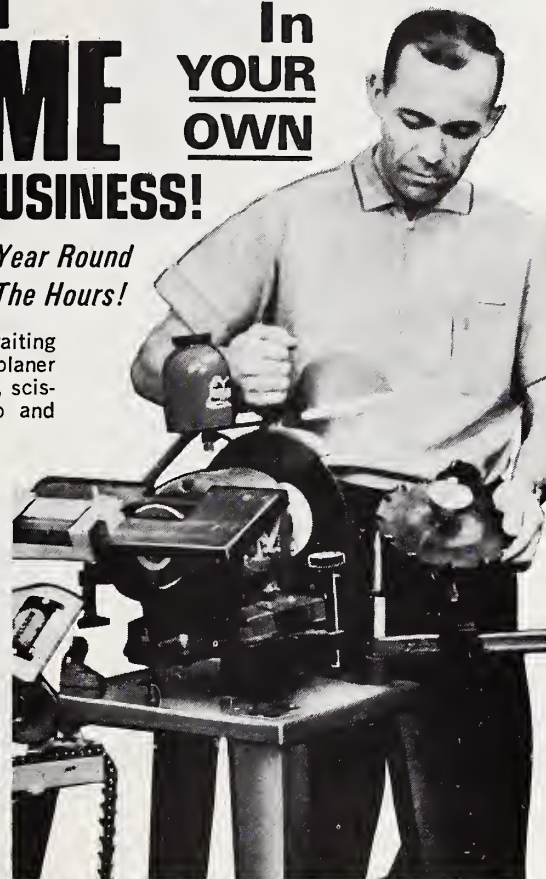
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Downfall Of The I-Boats

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Island by island, the Marines and soldiers of the Central and South Pacific forces pushed the Japanese back. The intensified American campaign and the buildup of Allied air power made the difference. Between late 1942 and September 1943, the Japanese submarines made 100 trips to New Guinea just delivering supplies.

Then, early in 1943, a new American weapon appeared in the South Pacific: the destroyer escort. At the beginning of the war the Americans had no warship smaller than a full-fledged destroyer, save a few old relics such as the Eagle boats of times past. The admirals did not believe in small vessels. But the U-Boat war in the Atlantic soon showed them that the small, anti-submarine, escort ships were extremely effective.

The Japanese submarines began to fall victim to the DE's and the Australian corvettes. The *HMAS Kiwi* fought, rammed and sent *I-1* aground at Guadalcanal, and half a dozen DE's sank or mauled Japanese submarines in the area. But the most effective destroyer escort of all was *USS England*, which in her own way changed the course of the Pacific war.

Had Admiral Yamamoto survived the South Pacific war, the course might also have been different, for Yamamoto was a brilliant strategist. But he was entrapped (by American radio intelligence), ambushed by American planes and died in the crash of his plane. He was succeeded by Admiral Mineichi Koga, who lacked the Yamamoto flair. Then, in the spring of 1944, with the Marianas campaign looming, Koga was killed. The command passed to Admiral Soemu Toyoda, who had little experience in high position.

One of Admiral Toyoda's major concerns was intelligence. The Americans had taken the Gilberts and the Marshalls and were ready to move again. But where? Before, in the better days, the Japanese had been able to scout the enemy with aircraft, but most of the air scouts who went out that spring did not return. The next assault could be on the Philippines. Or it could come to the Marianas. Toyoda had to know, so he did the only thing he could: he sent a scout line of submarines to

take sentry duty along the routes the enemy might advance. Admiral Takeo Takagi, commander of the submarines' Sixth Fleet, sent a dozen submarines out to scout. It was indicative of difficulties the fleet was suffering that only one of these was equipped with radar.

On May 16, *I-16* left Truk. She had nothing to do with the scouting force, but was carrying supplies to Japanese troops stranded on Bougainville. She was spotted by American aircraft and the fleet was warned. Three American DE's were sent from the Solomons to intercept. The *England* found *I-16* and, after a brief attack, sank her.

Less than a week later, *England* was cruising in the same general area when she ran across *RO-106*, a small-



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er submarine which had been pressed into service for this picket line operation. After a brisk attack, *RO-106* went to the bottom. By this time, the Americans had a pretty good idea of the Japanese strategy and they were looking out for just such a picket line. *England* moved west a few miles and discovered *RO-104*, the next picket submarine. The American DE was operating with two others, *USS George* and *USS Raby*. That day, *RO-104* managed to elude

their combined attack. But the following day, *England* found her again and sank her.

The next submarine in the picket line was *RO-116* and it was only a few hours later that she, too, was sunk. A day later, *England* sank *RO-108*. A few more hours passed and she sank her sixth submarine, *RO-105*, for a new world's record: six submarines in 12 days.

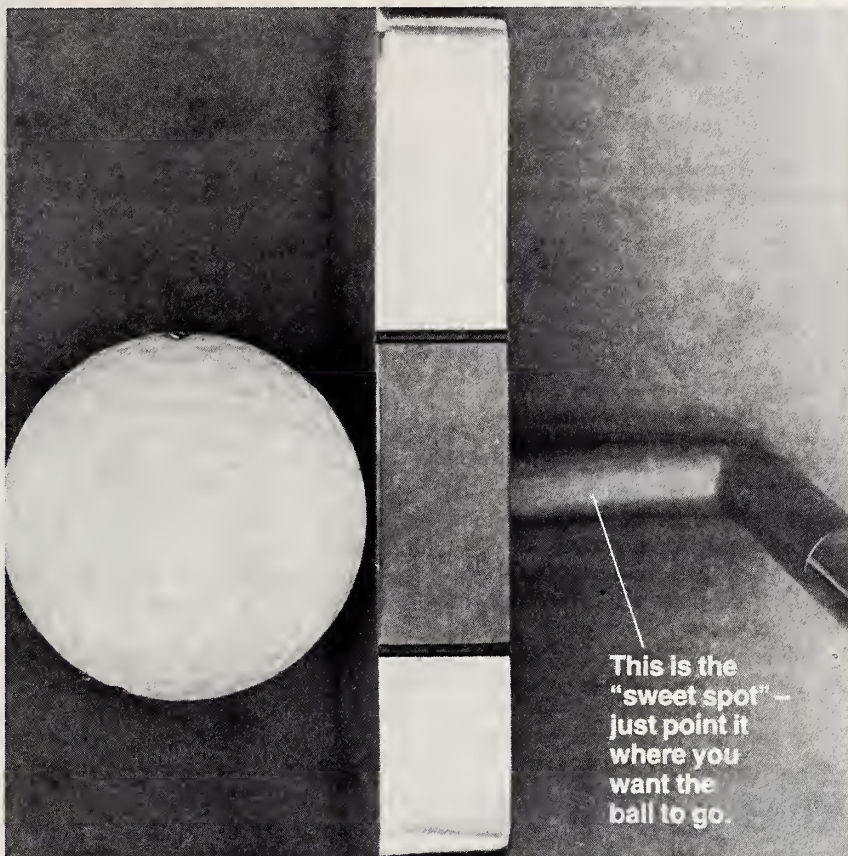
The Chief of the Japanese Combined Fleet was waiting for information. Where the Americans were going to attack was still in question. To meet that attack, Admiral Toyoda was committed to the *A-60* plan which was supposed to be that last great battle in which the Japanese would wipe out the American fleet.

The word that six of his picket submarines had been sunk in less than two weeks convinced Toyoda that the attack was coming against the Philippines. Therefore, he concentrated his forces in the south and did not send them east where they might have disrupted the Marianas attack before it got well started. The *England*, then, can be credited for success far beyond the call of duty in her remarkable exploits against the Japanese submarine fleet.

In the latter days of the war, the Japanese submarines were further reduced to moving troops into and out of impossible situations. During the heat of the Marianas campaign, one submarine was used to take 50 downed fliers from Guam so that they might fight again. Admiral Takagi, the submarine commander who had moved his headquarters to Saipan to better manage the submarines, was to be rescued at the end of the campaign by one of his own vessels. The submarines had become a high-level supply and ferry service, but it did not always work so well. *I-10*, sent to rescue Takagi, was sunk and the admiral committed suicide on the night of the last great battle, a victim of the overwhelming might of the American forces. His epitaph could well be that of the entire Japanese submarine service in World War II: He died in the wrong place at the wrong time for the wrong reason.

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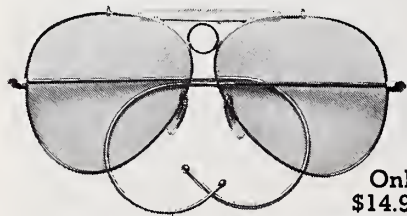
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Energy From Heaven And Earth

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exciting developments of the late 1940s. Composed of materials known as semiconductors, they receive sunlight in packets called quanta which give energy directly to electrons. Electrons are struck by the quanta and move from one semiconductor to a neighboring one and cannot return except by a circuitous route. In this way an electric current is created. Photoelectric cells have been used most effectively in our space program (where cost was not an important factor). Since that time, the price of photoelectric cells has been reduced 10-fold. However, to become generally affordable, the price will have to be further reduced 100-fold.

Millions of research dollars have been spent to develop solar stations in space. The advantages are that this system could function practically 24 hours a day and that all of the sun's radiant energy would reach the generating equipment. The disadvantages are: first, that the system is obviously extremely complicated; second, that space systems are expensive to establish and maintain, and further, that too little is known of the environmental problems that arise when the energy generated in space is transmitted down to earth by microwaves. It seems likely that this plan will take 50 years to carry out and will increase the cost of electricity nearly 100-fold.

It would be more reasonable to consider portions of the solar-space energy project one by one, translating them into practice before attempting to establish the whole complicated system. For example, one could test the microwave transmission problems in Hawaii. Great geothermal deposits exist on the peninsula of the big island near Kilauea, which could produce more energy than that island's small population can use. Electricity could be generated and transmitted by wire to the top of Mauna Kea, and could be transmitted from Mauna Kea to Koko Head near Honolulu by microwave. If this proves profitable and acceptable, it would validate further research expenditures on the solar-space project.

All solar collectors require a storage system. Energy storage technol-

ogy is beginning to blossom. Work is being done to improve the proportion of stored energy returned from the battery for use. Also, attempts to increase the lifetime of batteries are being made. A truly exciting possibility goes beyond batteries and uses flywheels instead. However, these technologies remain in the early development stage at this time.

Biomass: Old and New

Burning wood is man's most ancient form of energy production, and burning coal or oil (fossilized vegetation) has been important since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. No one advocates returning to wood burning on a major scale, but it has been suggested that we transform wood into alcohol and use it in place of or added to gasoline as fuel for transportation. Another source of alcohol is algae (seaweed) which can be grown in an enriched carbon dioxide environment to speed its growth. In general, biomass production should not compete with agriculture because the hunger for food is even greater than the hunger for energy. However, at least agricultural by-products, such as corn husks or bagasse (a cellulose residue in numerous plants such as sugar cane) should be used.

Waste products of cities that are otherwise simply pollutants can also be used as fuel. It has been estimated that converting parts of this waste could supply 2 percent of the energy of the United States. Considering the difference in cost between use and disposal will probably prove that this biomass should provide part of our energy supply. Miami and St. Louis are among the cities already experimenting with this energy supply.

There are also interesting possibilities for land not currently in production. A fast-growing desert plant called *euphorbia lathyris* produces a latex which can be used as a fuel after it is processed. These plants could be hybridized to deliver greater quantities of latex. Currently, experimental planting in Southern California is yielding about 10 barrels of oil per acre, tempting me to call this plant the "gasoline tree."

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Locations in Hawaii where economically feasible power could be generated by windmill have already been identified. Unfortunately, environmentalists in Hawaii are objecting to the "visual pollution" windmills would create. But of all environmentalists, the Hawaiians are the most pleasant and they seem to have extended a limited "Aloha" to windmills.

A promising source of ocean power is tidal action which could be exploited by devices similar to windmills and placed where the tides are pronounced enough to produce energy economically. One such setting is the Bay of Fundy in Canada where several thousand megawatts could be produced by 60-foot tides. This amount of energy represents 1 percent of the electric power currently used in North America. If local use could be found or if energy transmission proved not too expensive, this could prove a useful source of energy.

Wave power, like the wind power that produces it, varies in quality. The best area for production is located south of Patagonia and New Zealand where the ocean encircles the globe and where there are no land barriers to dissipate the wave energy whipped up by westerly winds. The first requirement for harnessing this energy is a sturdy platform mounted on hollow cylinders that extend to a depth where there is almost no wave action. The problem is how to exploit the energy after it is produced. Perhaps one could use the platform to support energy-intensive aluminum production, or one could transmit electricity to land by cable or microwave.

Using the different ocean temperatures and harnessing the flow of

the Gulf Stream also have been suggested as potential sources of energy. Unfortunately, the laws of thermodynamics limit the first method, and the fact that interfering with the Gulf Stream could have profound effects on the climate of Western Europe should certainly discourage use of the second. This latter is an energy proposal where environmental concerns are fully justified.

Large masses of water behind dams now provide a considerable portion of our electric power but the disadvantages of hydroelectric power are twofold. First, because of earthquakes and dam wall failures, dams can become dangerous. Unlike nuclear energy, which developed during a period when everyone was aware of its potential dangers, dams have been with us for many years. It has recently been learned that water stored in lakes behind the dams infiltrates the cracks in the underlying rock masses and lubricates them so that small tremors are created. Better devices for measuring dam deformation and predicting earthquakes will



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eventually result in greater safety, but a second fact remains. The artificial lakes formed by dams silt up in a period of, perhaps, a century and new sites are inferior by a sizeable quantity. It is not even clear that hydroelectric power should be considered renewable.

Geothermal Energy

Energy gained from the hot in-

terior rocks which lie close to the earth's surface is also *not* truly renewable. This accessible old lava has required many millennia to develop and can be depleted quite rapidly. However, this should in no way preclude its use in those areas where its development is economically advantageous. Examples of geothermal generators already exist in Italy, New Zealand, Iceland and the United States.

More sources of this energy could be sought along the rim of the Pacific Ocean, including, for example, the western United States. Unfortunately, the majority of these geothermal sources have a large amount of contaminants, such as hydrogen sulfide. These not only are destructive to generating equipment, but they also produce poisonous gases. There are only a few additional areas known in the United States where relatively clean geothermic sources exist, the best of which is Yellowstone Park.

The current best hope for developing geothermal energy exists off the coastline of Texas. Great amounts of hot water are trapped underground under tremendous pressure from rock formations. Boring wells into this rock would create a geyser effect. In addition, this trapped water contains a small percentage of natural gas. The great volume of water means that even though the gas proportion is small, the exploitation of the gas and geothermal power could still be profitable.

We need to use all the practical methods of securing energy from solar, biomass, wind, ocean and geothermal sources, for we truly need energy from heaven and earth if we are to solve our current problems. We should continue to conduct the research which will bring these potentials to fruition.

It is not unreasonable to ask for a renewable energy source and the best form of renewable energy resource seems to be mankind's ingenuity and adaptability. Since the beginning of human history this has been the source of greatest promise. We must encourage and appreciate this resource and use it wisely and thoroughly if we are to succeed in solving the problems which confront us. ■

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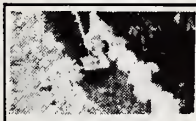
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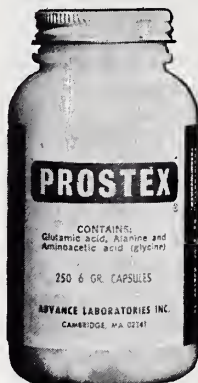
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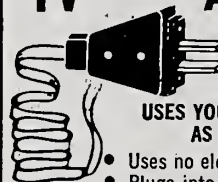
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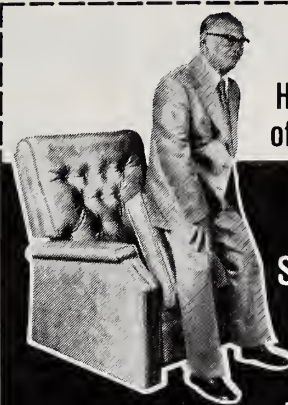


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"Fabulous," the wolfhound replied. "I sleep in a solid gold doghouse on a sable carpet and all day they feed me caviar."

"Well," asked the French poodle, "if things are so good in Russia, why do you come to Paris?"

"The wolfhound leaned forward and whispered confidentially, 'Sometimes I like to bark.'"

—KATHY CONNOR

Remember the old days when the back-seat driver had room to sit there?

—JANE HOSKINSON

Age of Wisdom

The 90-year-old man was asked, "To what do you attribute your advanced age and good health?"

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Oh, Christmas tree, Oh, Christmas tree,
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After visiting her uncle in the hospital the lady took the nurse aside and asked, "Tell me truthfully, is he making any progress?"

"None at all," the pretty nurse replied. "He's not my type."

—BETH MATTHEWS

Those hardest to convince they are of retirement age are kids at bedtime.

—MARTHA J. BECKMAN

"Are you a politician?" the youngster asked the department store Santa.

"Why do you ask?" Santa ho-ho'd.

"Because you always promise more than you can deliver," the young one replied.

—DAVID DOUGLAS

Noise Nostrum?

When the boy received a trumpet for Christmas it wasn't long until the neighbors were ready to smash it at the next toot. However, one took a subtle approach. When the boy was outside with his new possession, the neighbor asked, "Nice instrument you have there. What is it?"

"A trumpet," the boy answered proudly.

The neighbor continued, "What's inside that makes so much music?"

"I don't know," replied the youngster, as he peered inside the horn.

Said the neighbor, "Why don't you take this screwdriver and find out?"

—BARBARA ELLSWORTH

Logical Deduction

The Sunday school teacher asked the four-year-old girl, "Why did Mary and Joseph take little Jesus with them to Jerusalem?"

The little girl replied, "I guess they didn't have a sitter."

—EDWARD FOWLER

The young boy and his mother looking at the family album came to a picture of a handsome young man with dark, wavy hair.

"Who's that?" asked the boy.

"Why, that's your father," said the mother proudly.

"Yeah?" said the boy skeptically, "then who's that bald-headed guy who's living with us?"

—MAXINE MORRISSEY

When you return to the town of your childhood, you find it wasn't the town you longed for—it was your childhood.

—MICHAEL FISK

Nativity Nuance?

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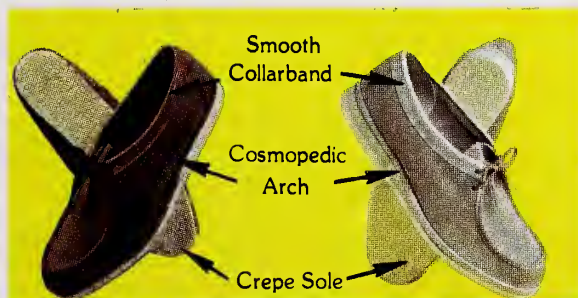
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